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LETTER FROM THE EDITOR



It's time again to spotlight all the diverse ways our Coast Guard Reservists earn a living and support their communities. Yes, it's the 11th Citizen-Sailor issue!

This is a tradition that started back in September 1994 with what, at the time, was the largest issue in the magazine's history — a whopping 36 pager. Since then, we have featured your families, community involvement, employers, those in law enforcement, fire fighters, educators and students — all under the citizen-sailor umbrella. We are always fascinated (and proud) to learn what our Coast Guard Reservists do when they're not wearing Coast Guard blue.

In the Coast Guard Reserve, there really are many heroes among us. For example, one CG Reservist, PS3 Greg Schneider, saved a gentleman from an oncoming train while on duty with the Elgin, Ill. Police Department last summer. LT Tom Adams was named Teacher of the Year for his school district in Florida, while PS2 Byron Dixon was on duty as a firefighter/paramedic with the Arlington County, Va. Fire Department when Flight 77 hit the Pentagon on 9/11. He saved numerous lives that day. The list goes on and on, and you can read about many of these heroes on the pages of this issue. But ask any of these reservists if they consider themselves heroes, and they'll probably respond by saying, "I was just doing my job."

One way CAPT Dan Croce served the community over the holidays was unique — he donated a Norwegian spruce from his front yard to the city of Detroit and it became their municipal Christmas tree. Read about that in this issue on Page 16 and check out the back cover too.

Hope you enjoy this issue and the diverse patchwork of occupations. And remember, we also feature citizen-sailors individually throughout the year as space permits. If you feel inspired after reading this issue, submit your story, and we'll try to work it in during 2008.

Happy New Year!

— Ed.

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CAC and ID Card Questions

I enjoyed the recent issue on mobilization ("Are You Ready?" Mobilization & Readiness Guide, Issue 6-07). I do have a question from the article on CAC cards. It states that when using a CAC to access the CG SWIII network, you don't need a password anymore. If how I'm reading that is correct, I'm not sure that is accurate. I think you still need a password to unlock the screen if you lock it or step away for a period of time. I know the CAC-driven NIPRnet we use at USTRANSCOM operates that way.

— **CDR David L. Teska, USCGR**
USTRANSCOM, Scott AFB, Ill.



Ed's note: According to CWO2 Tina Tennyson, of the Headquarters Military Compensation Division (CG-1222), accessing the CGSW via CAC logon requires the user to input the Personal Identification Pin (PIN) number instead of a user name and password. When the CAC is pulled out of the reader or the workstation locks, the user must insert his/her CAC into the reader and retype their PIN. Unlike a password, the PIN on a CAC does not need to be changed every 90 days. The user can keep the same PIN for the course of their career if they choose to do so.

In this day and age of identity theft, why does the USCG have an ID card that gives such vitals as full social security number, full name and full date of birth prominently displayed on the card and in no way encrypted? The excellent article in The Reservist "Mobilization and Readiness Guide" brought this to mind, although I have been meaning to ask about it for quite some time.

— **MST1 Jack La Torre, USCGR**
Sector New York

Ed's note: According to CWO2 Tina Tennyson, of the Headquarters Military Compensation Division (CG-1222), the Social Security Number (SSN) has been used with ever increasing frequency as a means to efficiently identify and authenticate individual since the late 1960s. However, the President's Task Force on Identity Theft, as part of its Strategic Plan, has required all federal agencies to evaluate the use of the SSN and to eliminate the unnecessary use of the SSN. By reducing the use of the SSN, this valuable piece of personal information will be less vulnerable to compromise and therefore, provide better protection for everyone. The purpose of this guidance is to establish the specific use cases which are appropriate and may continue to be used. Additionally, it will discuss ways that the SSN is currently used and alternatives that may take the place of these uses. Finally, within those applications where the SSN will continue to be used, steps can be taken to reduce the exposure of this information. The Defense Manpower Data Center (DMDC) has established a tiger team to review the removal of the SSN from ID cards and other forms and systems. The Coast Guard is part of this team.

MOBEX in a Magazine

Thanks for the great work on publishing Issue 06-07 "Are You Ready?" I've referred to that issue when speaking at All Hands

and mobilization exercises in Hawaii and Guam recently, and encouraged the members to save it for reference. I consider it a MOBEX within a magazine and it ranks up there with the uniform issue.

By the way, would you please mail me another copy? I gave mine away to retired Maj. Gen. Paulino, former Adjutant General of the Guam National Guard. Maj. Gen. Paulino and others from the Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve (ESGR) committee on Guam wanted to better understand the USCG Reserve program and this particular issue was the best thing I had in hand. Thanks again.

— **CAPT Jack Laufer, USCGR**
Senior Reserve Officer,
Reserve Chief of Staff
USCG District 14
Kailua, Hawaii

Ed's note: Thanks! By the way, extra copies of each issue are always available on a first-come, first-served basis and can be obtained by dropping the editor an e-mail.

USERRA Clarifications

I have recently read, cover to cover, the issue of The Reservist magazine dealing with mobilization and readiness (Issue 6-07). Page 13 of the magazine features a brief overview of USERRA. As both a reservist and an attorney, I am compelled to point out several critical points that the article neglected to mention.

- 1) An employee is required to give his/her employer advance notice of the employee's departure from work in order to perform military duty. 28 C.F.R. § 1002.85. While such notice can be either written or oral, written notice is typically recommended, especially if the employee later makes a claim of a USERRA violation.
- 2) USERRA applies to ALL employers. Unlike some other labor and employment laws, USERRA protection does not depend on the size of the employer. "USERRA applies to all public and private employers in the United States, regardless of size." 28 C.F.R. § 1002.34(a).
- 3) USERRA provides for a private right of action for the reserve member. The reserve member is not required to go through ESGR or the Department of Labor VETS office to file a claim for an alleged USERRA violation if they do not want to. The reserve member can hire a private attorney and go straight to court if they so desire. 28 C.F.R. § 1002.303.

And lastly,

- 4) All CG Reserve members are eligible for free legal assistance from their respective District legal office. Each District legal office has the ability to counsel and assist Coast Guard Reservists with any questions they may have regarding their rights and responsibilities under USERRA.

You also forgot to mention in this issue, all of the protections available to those who are mobilizing under SCRA (Service Members Civil Relief Act).

— **LCDR Sharif Abdrabbo, USCGR**
Judge Advocate, Ninth Coast Guard District
Cleveland, Ohio

Ed's note: Thanks for the additional information on USERRA. For more details on SCRA, the Reservist published a comprehensive article in Issue 5-05, Pages 18-20.

Kudos on Readiness

I'd like to compliment the latest issues of The Reservist for carrying more information on readiness and coming policy changes affecting the structure and support of the Reserve element. I realize you don't have a huge writing staff and rely on some field submissions to replace the public affairs photo essays mostly featuring active personnel in their routines. However, I'd rather get a more lean publication, rich in reserve-related news, stories, and policy than the imagery spill-over from Coast Guard magazine.

I'm particularly impressed when you touch on CGR issues of policy and leadership that need action and engagement with the field. Giving voice to what isn't working is as important to improving readiness performance as reminding the readership of what already needs to be done. Pictures simply can't do that (though a few are nice). So, thank you for making The Reservist more about the Reserve and our part of the mission. Also, your uniform issue last year was great. Perhaps when the new ODUs come out next year, it would be a good chance to put out another uniform issue.

— **LTJG Kris C. Leverich, USCGR**
ISC Boston, Mass.

Ed's note: *Thanks for your opinions and ideas! Reader feedback, whether positive or negative, is always helpful. In fact, we recently received significant field input for the magazine's annual planning meeting held in November and we considered ALL ideas received. Bottom line: Nearly all ideas submitted are being incorporated into the magazines planned for 2008 in one way or another.*

Reservist Archive Project

Just wanted to pass on a thanks for the work in placing the back issues of The Reservist on line. While digging into the background of the Coast Guard ratings and warrant specialties, there is very little out there for the home researcher/novice. Since the Coast Guard ratings structure fairly followed the USN, I was able to place a time line together for the Coast Guard.

The USN has every issue of their All Hands available, and over the last year or so, I have managed to download and save them on CDs. From The Reservist archives, you have so far raised a mystery about the GM(FT) rating in the early 1950s. No info, other than little tidbits are available. However, by using your magazine archive, I'm slowly putting together a timeline for the PS rating and its transition from World War II.

When you complete your project, a CD set available for purchase would be great. Great work and thanks.

— **CWO3 Dana Lewis, USCG(Ret.)**
Shoreline, Wash.

Ed's note: *Thanks! Nice idea on the CD set, but at this time, there are no plans to do so. Meanwhile, the archive continues to expand with two issues added each work day and we are currently up to the 1960s. To check it out, go to: www.uscg.mil/reservist.*

SNAKES & PSUs

I read with a great deal of interest the letters from several reservists concerning SNAKES prior to PSUs in the letters section of the magazine (Issue 7-07, Page 4). We in the old Reserve Coastal Forces program were in Marine utilities from 1963-1967. Boots, at least at Alameda, were still using these

same uniforms for years after our turning them in back in 1967 with the phase-out of Coastal Forces.

Maybe it is time to let the new Guard know we now retired reservists from the Vietnam era did more than watch Victory At Sea movies, take up space and drink coffee. Many regulars during those times were convinced this was so.

Those reservists who stayed the course through the 1960s and 1970s helped to make the Reserve what it is today. I served 42 years in the USCGR and was ready boat crew in San Diego long before augmentation started in the 1970s.

— **PSC Mike Benjamin, USCGR(Ret.)**
Hillsboro, Ore.

Mount Tom Memorial

I was walking recently with a friend at the Mount Tom mountain range in Holyoke, Mass. We came across a monument dedicated to the members of a B-17 that crashed there, the majority of the crew Coast Guardsmen. On The Reservist Web site, I found reference to this monument and a comment that said in the next issue there would be more info on this site. I believe the issue that said this was around May/June 2006 as the memorial was dedicated July 2006.

It saddens me that having lived in this area all my life (42 years), I had never heard of this place. The monument is obviously well cared for, and the area is just beautiful. We sat for a while and enjoyed the wonderful view of the valley below that includes the towns of South Hadley and Chicopee, and reflected on what may have occurred to cause this crash.

I could not find the "next" issue with the info on this site. If it is possible, could you point me in right direction to find more details if they are available. Spending the little time we did there reflecting on this has peaked our curiosity and we want to find out more.

Thank you for your time and any information you can provide.

— **Ray Chevalier**
Chicopee, Mass.

Ed's note: *The Reservist did publish a small article on this monument in the May 1996 issue, Page 11, and a follow-up photo of the then new monument in the September 1996 issue, Page 12. On July 9, 1946, a B-17 Bomber with 25 service members on board, including 16 Coast Guardsmen, returning from Goose Bay, Labrador, to Westover AFB slammed into Mount Tom. All aboard perished. The monument was dedicated July 6, 1996 for the 50th anniversary of the crash.*

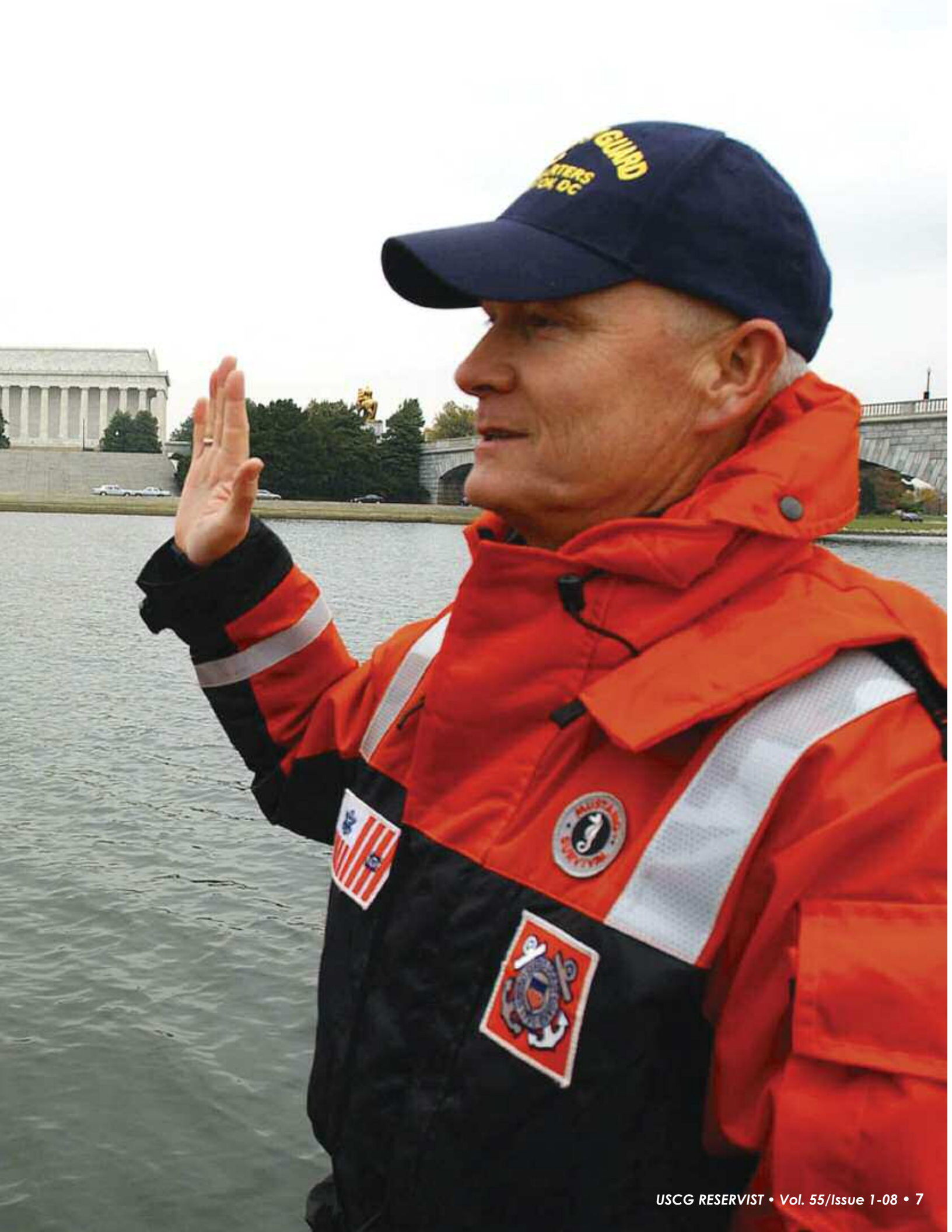


Correction


The article on the "Reserve's first female Chief Damage Controlman" in Issue 7-07, Page 19, contained an error. DCC Charlotte Zolezzi was the first woman in the Reserve, and as far as we know, the first woman ever to advance to DCC back in September 2004. Mary Cunningham, shown in the last issue, was advanced to DCC in 2007 as the article correctly stated. However, Cunningham accomplished this as an active duty member. We regret the error.



WASHINGTON, D.C. — MCPOCG Skip Bowen, left, reenlists MCPO-CGRF Jeff Smith into the Coast Guard Reserve for three more years Nov. 19. The ceremony was held aboard a Station Washington 25-foot RB-S in the Potomac River, Washington, D.C., with the Lincoln Memorial serving as a backdrop. Smith has served the last four years as Master Chief Petty Officer of the Coast Guard Reserve Force.
Photo by CWO3 Edward J. Kruska, USCGR







SAN FRANCISCO — Two Coast Guard small boats set a security zone around the 900-foot container ship Cosco Busan. The ship hit the San Francisco Bay Bridge Nov. 7, 2007 spilling an estimated 58,000 gallons of oil into the bay.

Photo by PA3 Melissa Hauck

PASCAGOULA, Miss. — Sea trials began Dec. 4, 2007 for the BERTHOLF, the U.S. Coast Guard's first National Security Cutter. The BERTHOLF, the Coast Guard's largest multi-mission cutter, sailed from Northrop Grumman shipyard docks into the Gulf of Mexico. BERTHOLF is the first of eight planned ships in the new class of technologically advanced multi-mission cutters being built at Northrop Grumman, acquired under the Coast Guard's Deepwater Program. Photo courtesy of Northrop Grumman







Speaking Truth to Power



By
RDML
Cynthia A. Coogan,
USCG

Director
of
Reserve & Training

Recently, you may have heard Coast Guard leadership use the phrase “speaking truth to power.” Rooted in the Quaker tradition, it requires thoughtful examination of issues and development of solutions that make good common sense. As I traveled across the country this year and spoke with and listened to reservists, I heard “truth to power” and it was clear that you want — and we need — processes for mobilization/demobilization, training, pay and administrative issues that are quick and reliable. I would state that you not only want, but deserve a system that works smoothly for IDT, ADT, ADSW or Title 10/Title 14 recall.

In August 2006, ADM Allen asked us to create better Reserve administrative and training support processes. To do so, I have convened workgroups that included reservists and active duty members from the Areas, Districts, Sectors, Integrated Support Commands and the Coast Guard Personnel Command. They looked at how reservists received support from the organizational big picture standpoint down to individual step-by-step processes. From these meetings I am expecting proposals and an action plan to address these Reserve issues. Keeping this process transparent, I will have the results

posted at www.uscg.mil/reserve and <http://cgweb.comdt.uscg.mil/> as soon as they are available.

As the Director of Reserve and Training, I take great pride in your work, dedication and the tangible skills you bring to the Coast Guard. Your dedication is admirable and the depth and breadth of your service has been highlighted throughout the world. In the past year, Coast Guard Reservists served in Kuwait and Guantanamo Bay, and responded to natural disasters and events across the nation, including the I-35W bridge collapse in Minneapolis, Minn., and flooding in northwest Ohio. Reservists stood at the ready whether it was for hurricanes in Florida and on the Gulf Coast or fires in southern California.

Thank you for your dedication to duty, loyalty to our country and personal integrity you demonstrate every day.

“I take great pride in your work, dedication and the tangible skills you bring to the Coast Guard.”

Lunch with the RFMCs



RDML Cynthia A. Coogan, Director of Reserve and Training, meets Dec. 3, with the Coast Guard's Rating Force Master Chiefs for an informational and advisory discussion on Training and Reserve issues.

RPAs Gather for Reserve Management Workshop

IRVING, Texas — Over 60 Reserve Program Administrators from across the nation attended a Reserve Management Workshop here Sept. 11-13. It is believed to be the first time in the history of the Reserve Program Administrator (RPA) program that a gathering of all RPAs has ever been done. The three days of presentations, discussions and meetings focused on the full time management of the Coast Guard's Reserve Program.

The conference was supported by leadership at all levels. Two of the senior-most RPAs, Captain Andrea Contratto, Office of Reserve Affairs, and Captain Michael Price, Coast Guard Personnel Command Reserve Personnel Management Division, gave the RPAs a sense of history by speaking to the corps' legislative beginnings and history of improvement efforts. Rear Admiral Cynthia Coogan, Director of Reserve and Training, outlined her vision for an improved Full Time Support (FTS) program. Her comments were complemented and expounded upon by both Rear Admiral John Acton, LANTAREA and Master Chief Petty Officer of the Coast Guard Reserve Force Jeff Smith.

The highlight of the event was a visit by the Commandant, Admiral Thad Allen. He spoke in depth about his efforts to transform the Coast Guard, including the management of the Reserve program. His commitment and support of the Reserve component spoke volumes.

In addition to Admiral Allen's remarks, an entire day was dedicated to Modernization and Strategic Transformation efforts with presentations on the Deployable Operations Group (DOG), the proposed Operations Command (OPCOM), the proposed Forces Command (FORCECOM), the proposed Deputy Commandants for Mission Support and Operations, and the status of the CIAO #9 efforts. For more information about Admiral Allen's Modernization and Strategic Transformation efforts, see the Coast Guard Modernization Section of CG Central.

The history of the RPA program has its roots in World War II. Building on lessons learned during World War II and the Korean conflict, and recognizing the need for trained Reserve forces, Congress enacted legislation that became the Armed Forces Act of 1952. The Act defines the purpose, qualification policies and administrative guidelines for Reserve Components. To comply with this Act, the Coast Guard maintains FTS assets, which are Reserve-funded positions throughout the Coast Guard and RPAs that are used to ensure proper management of the Reserve program.

The RPAs are all Reserve officers, O-2 and above, serving on active duty to support the Reserve Program. Over the years, there have been many groups tasked with seeking better and more equitable ways to manage RPAs. Currently, Admiral Allen's Modernization and Strategic Transformation efforts include a major effort to realign the Coast Guard's Reserve Forces Readiness System that will undoubtedly impact the FTS program and the RPA Corps in major ways.

During her remarks to the RPA Corps, Rear Admiral Coogan laid out her vision of an improved FTS program that is more focused on direct support, strategically placed throughout the organization, and led by empowered RPAs with viable in-program career opportunities at all levels.

She described the management of the Reserve program as a coordinated effort by three different organizations: active

duty commanders, FTS personnel, and SELRES forces. Sustaining a high level of readiness, while striking a balance between the competing demands of mobilization and augmentation, is not easy. Critical to that effort are effective FTS assets. In particular, dedicated and professional RPAs that are positioned and focused to meet their core duties are necessary to develop, train, instruct and administer the Reserve component.

Rear Admiral Coogan made clear that integration of the Reserve component into active duty commands should not and will not go away but the lessons learned from 9/11 and Hurricane

Katrina point to a Reserve Support System that is in need of realignment, hence the issuance of Admiral Allen's CIAO #9. It calls for an "RC Mission Support System that delivers a ready Reserve Component designed to support contingency mission effectiveness at the lowest achievable cost." Her focus on FTS assets is supported by CIAO #9 as it specifically calls for an optimally structured FTS and RPA system.

While modernization was a central theme, current issues were also addressed. Other presentations included updates on the development of the Mobilization Readiness Tracking Tool, the Reserve Incapacitation System, and CGPC-rpm's work on centralized assignments, IRR management, and professional development. A copy of all the presentations from the workshop is available for download from the Reserve Administration Community on CG Central.

The workshop's success has led to a commitment by CAPT Contratto to hold a CG-wide Reserve Management conference every two years, with FOT staffs attending on intervening years. Such events ensure that civilian employees and military members who are serving on active duty to manage our program are strategically aligned.



Over 60 RPAs from across the nation attended a Reserve Management Workshop, in Irving Texas, Sept. 11-13.

— LT Greg Reilly, CG-1313

USAA Scholarship Winners

SAN ANTONIO, Texas — Every year, the United Services Automobile Association (USAA) sponsors scholarships for enlisted Coast Guard Reservists and their dependents. This year, each winner received a \$1,000 scholarship to help offset the costs of higher education for the 2007-08 academic year.

Entrants were required to follow the requirements in ALCOAST 271/07 and write a one-page essay on "How my / my parents / my spouse's participation in the Coast Guard Reserve has contributed to my success." The quality of submissions this year was high, making deliberations tough.

Here are this year's winners, listed in alphabetical order by last name. Winners were announced via ALCOAST 441/07 (R 181525Z SEP 07).

- **IT2 Eric Burkett**, MSU Port Arthur, Texas, attending National Graduate School.
- **MK3 Alison Delaney**, Station Wrightsville Beach, N.C. attending University of North Carolina Wilmington.
- **OS3 Joe Dela Rosa**, PSU 309, Port Clinton, Ohio, attending Eastern Michigan University.
- **GM2 Nicole Knowles**, ISC Alameda, Calif., attending University of Washington.

- **BM1 Jarrod Sadulski**, Station Miami Beach, Fla., attending American Military University.
- **Mr. Clayton Self**, son of MKCS Wayne Self, TRACEN Cape May (now retired), attending Central Washington University.

Runners up for the awards were (alphabetical order): **DCCS Joseph Allard**, Station Burlington, Vt., attending Johnson State College; **MST3 Waymondo Brown**, Sector San Francisco, Calif., attending Sacramento State University; **Mr. Michael Di Trani**, son of PSC Michael Di Trani, Sector New York, attending Syracuse University; **OS2 Westin Goetz**, MIFC LANT, Virginia Beach, Va., attending Hampton University; **Mrs. Kristina Hull**, wife of MK3 Isaac Hull, Sector Seattle, attending Weber State University; **Mrs. Lacy Montelione**, wife of YN2 David Montelione, National Maritime Center, Arlington, Va., attending University of Pittsburgh; and **YN3 Laura Price**, ISC Cleveland, Ohio, attending University of Akron, Ohio.

If you are interested in participating USAA Scholarship Program for the 2008-09 academic year, watch the Reserve message board and Reservist bulletin board in late spring/early summer.

Port Canaveral Reunion



Photo by Ray Kuhlman

About 100 people turned out for the Port Canaveral Coast Guard Reserve picnic held at KARS Park in Merritt Island, Fla. on Saturday, Dec. 1. The group included active duty, reserve members, retirees and family members from the

CGC SHRIKE, MSD Canaveral, Station Port Canaveral, Shuttle Launch Support members, and other parts of D7. Those shown wearing uniforms are reservists who were just departing for the scheduled launch of the Shuttle STS-122, Dec. 6.



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Reservist's Tree Adorns Motor City's Campus Martius Park

DETROIT, Mich. — The spot the people of Detroit have chosen for grieving and rejoicing since before the Civil War hosted thousands on the frosty night of Nov. 16 to witness the lighting of the largest municipal Christmas tree in the city's history — a tree that came to the city courtesy of a Coast Guard Reservist, CAPT Dan Croce.

Campus Martius Park is home to Michigan's Soldiers and Sailors monument, whose figures looked out silently over the party and the massive tree, mounted atop a black marble fountain, at its center.

The story of how the 60-foot tree came to adorn the seat of Wayne County, Mich. for the 2007 holiday season is an unusual one. For years, Croce had a Norwegian Spruce growing in his yard in Wayne, N.J. Several years ago, he realized it was becoming too unwieldy and getting too close to the house — it was time to take action.

"About three years ago, I started looking for someone who wanted to use the tree," said Croce. "I just knew people would enjoy its beauty and I didn't want it to go out as mulch. I wanted it to be used in a grand celebratory way."

Croce began reaching out to different municipalities in the New York City area that he knew had trees. For one reason or another, they were not interested. Then one of his neighbors saw a news clip about Lincoln Center's tree lighting, Croce contacted them and they sent a tree expert out to look at it. They, too, decided not to use it but mentioned that Detroit used a Norwegian Spruce about the same size as Croce's tree.

Detroit was interested and on Oct. 31, a crane pulled into Croce's yard and the tree was soon on a

flatbed truck heading from Wayne, N.J. to Wayne County, Mich.

"My 82-year-old neighbor was very sad because her two sons planted the tree 47 years ago when it was a sapling," said Croce.

"She wanted to be there when the tree drove off."

On the morning of the tree lighting, Detroit's Channel 7 WXYZ called Croce for a live-feed interview. Later that night, the crowd that

braved a chill wintry breeze erupted in a cheer about 9 p.m. as Rep. Carolyn Cheeks Kilpatrick joined DTE Energy Vice President Paul Hillegonds in pushing a button that sent electricity coursing through three miles of wire and 16,000 bulbs on the massive tree. Thousands more watched in their homes as the event was broadcast live, including the Croce family who watched on Channel 7's live internet broadcast.

"My family really got a kick out of seeing it all lit up," said Croce. "And Campus Martius Park is a former military drill ground so I feel good about that. It's still sad to not see the tree in my yard but it's nice to see where it ended up. I wanted others to share in its beauty as we had throughout the years."

Indeed, the tree went out in a grand celebratory way as Croce wished. In fact, it found a new home for the holidays.

— Story and photos by
PA1 John Masson, USCGR

Ed's Note: See another photo of CAPT Croce's tree on the back cover of this issue.



CAPT Dan Croce and family stand in front of a 55-60 foot Norwegian spruce cut down in his front yard in Wayne, N.J. and sent to Detroit.

Photo courtesy CAPT Dan Croce, USCGR



CAPT Croce's tree in Detroit's Campus Martius Park, home to Michigan's Soldiers and Sailors monument. This year's tree is the largest municipal Christmas tree in the city's history.

RCNSC Winter Grads



Photo by CDR Fred Remen and CDR David Gardner, USCGR

Sixteen Coast Guard Reservists attended the Reserve Components National Security Course at National Defense University in Washington, D.C. and were among the 160 students from all Reserve components to graduate Jan. 26, 2007. Front row, left to right: LTJG Thomas Grose, RCNSC staff; CDR Marilea Lloyd, Sector San Francisco; CDR Robbie

Roberts, ISC Seattle; CAPT William Herbert, 13th District; PSCS Darrell Odom, Sector Baltimore; CAPT John Welch, U.S. Joint Forces Command; CDR Mike Hart, PSU 308; LCDR Tom Martin, Sector Seattle. Second row, l to r: CDR Fred Remen, 7th District; LCDR Ron Catudal, Sector Boston; LCDR Mike Ferrulo, Sector Long Island Sound; LCDR

Paul Anderson, Sector Jacksonville; CDR Kevin Old, Sector Mobile; LCDR Mike Schneider, Sector Hampton Roads. Back row, l to r: LCDR Ralph Conner, PSU 308; CDR David Gardner, Atlantic Area; CDR Julia Hein, RCNSC staff. Not in photo: CDR Frank Pelkowski, 1st District and YNCM Gail Owens, RCNSC staff.

RCNSC Summer Grads



Photo by CDR Margaret Blomme, USCGR

Fifteen Coast Guard Reservists attended the Reserve Components National Security Course at National Defense University in Washington, D.C. and were among the 200 students from all Reserve components to graduate July 27, 2007. The course focuses on national security issues, policy development and the inter-agency process. Seated, l to r: MCPO James Davidson, RCNSC staff; CDR Robbie Roberts, RADM Tim

Riker, visitor; CDR Christopher Harwood, LCDR Susan Mercurio. Standing, l to r: CDR Margaret Blomme, LCDR Kurt Kacprzyński, LCDR Young Rodriguez, LCDR Michael Jackson, LCDR Vikki Hanley, LCDR Mathew Glavas, CDR Charles Scheel, LCDR Rogelio Mederos, MCPO Wayne Miesen, LCDR Benjamin Wetherill II, LCDR Yardley Bailey, LCDR James Cobb, MCPO Tom Cowan, RCNSC staff.

PS "A" School Class 02-07



Photo by Mr. Tim Clements

PS "A" School Class 02-07 graduated at Training Center Yorktown June 22, 2007. Front row, left to right: SNPS Nicolas Roeder, PSU 309; SNPS Edmund Fisher, USCG Sector New Orleans La.; SNPS Porscha Crespo, MSU Savannah Ga.; SNPS Brittani Beckem, USCG MSU Savannah, Ga. Second row, l to r: PS3 Justin Seiki, PSU 312, SNPS Matthew

Hooper, MSU Savannah Ga., SNPS Jeevan Bouhait, PSU 312; SNPS Christopher Christiano, Station Philadelphia, Pa.; SNPS Kyle Davis, Sector Seattle, Wash.; BMCS Randy Krahn, PS School Chief. Third row, l to r: PSC Robert Colbert, Class Instructor; PS3 Kevin Buchheit, Class Leader, PSU 309; SNPS Marcin Wilga, MSU Chicago, Ill.,

SNPS Joshua Marano, MSU Wilmington, N.C.; SNPS Scott Fitzgerald, PSU 313; SNPS Robert Sherock, PSU 312; Mr. Tim Molly PSA Instructor. Back row, l to r: Mr. Skip Brooks, PSA Instructor; Mr. Greg Smith, PSA Instructor; SNPS Justin Jerry, PSU 308; SNPS Cody Clements Sector San Francisco; Mr. Kevin Kelly, PSA Instructor.

REBI Class Romeo 09-07



Photo by Mr. Scott Prince

Congratulations to Reserve Enlisted Basic Indoctrination Class Romeo 09-07 who graduated Aug. 31, 2007, and are shown here on the beach at Training Center Cape May, N.J. Front row, left to right: GMCS Don Clayton, Company Commander; SN Megan Martinez, SN Julio Tupac-Yupang, SN Tracy Wall, PS3 Hollister Robinson,

SN Nicholas Ikpogu, AMT1 Christopher Hatch, Company Commander. Second row, l to r: SN Tin Nguyen, SN Richard Larrew, EM3 Paul Lambert, SN Jonathan Dye, SN Mario Degeorge. Third row, l to r: SN Marc Lenci, PS3 Tim Corrado, MK3 Chris Eichler, SN Ryan Serrato, MST2 Lawrence Ritchie, SN Philp Gee.

Fourth row, l to r: SN Peter Kapur, SN Ken Rodriguez, BM2 John Norejko, DC1 Michael Hering, SN Steven Bonner, SN Colby Walter, SN Chris Obermeyer. Back row, l to r: SN Joseph Stelker, YN3 Brian Barsanti, SN Ben Fabian, SN Jacob Hopping, ET1 Peter Diehl, SN Doug Harmon, SN Mark Stevenson and PS3 Carlos Sowell.

REBI Class Romeo 10-07



Photo by Mr. Scott Prince

Congratulations to Reserve Enlisted Basic Indoctration Class Romeo 10-07 who graduated Sept. 28, 2007, and are shown here in front of the Douglas Munro statue at Training Center Cape May, N.J. Front row, left to right: GMCS Don Clayton, Company Commander; EM3 Carmen

Godwin, SN Shannon Fastring, SN Jeane Gorgone, AMT1 Christopher Hatch, Company Commander. Second row, l to r: SN Bruno Afonso, EM3 John Gonzales, SN Jose Avala, YN3 Dawn Evans, MK3 Anthony Gagnon, IV2 Edward Bluhm. Third row, l to r: SN Lovinsky Cave, PS3

Brian Hancock, FN Nathan Ferong, IT3 Brad Peer, PS3 Tim Hannan, PS3 Stephan Sommerfeld, BM3 Jose Diaz. Back row, l to r: SN Brian Mullin, SN Jason Wolff, SN Aaron Dorrian, FN Matt Nicholl, SN Craig Hyder, BM1 Ryan Grady, DC3 Jim Dickerson, SN Willie Lewis.

REBI Class Romeo 01-08



Photo by Mr. Scott Prince

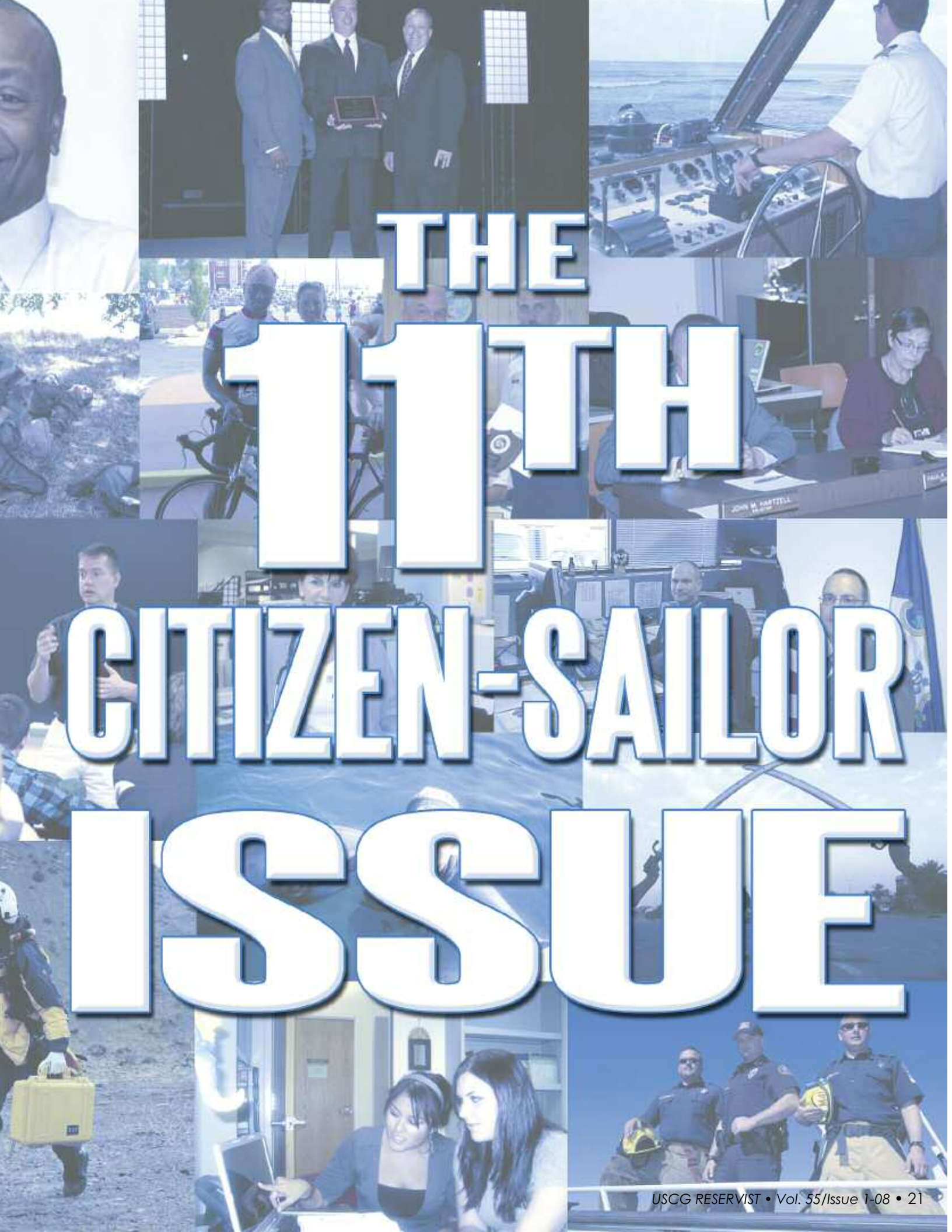
Congratulations to Reserve Enlisted Basic Indoctration Class Romeo 01-08 who graduated Oct. 26, 2007, and are shown here in front of the Douglas Munro statue at Training Center Cape May, N.J. Front

row, left to right: GMCS Don Clayton, Company Commander; SN Kevin Denny, SN William Jateff, PS3 Chris Schimmeck, SN Jennifer Plummer, PS3 Chris Guill, AMT1 Christopher Hatch, Company Commander.



Deputy Chief Rick Golpin





THE 11TH CITIZEN-SAILOR ISSUE

CDR John J. Ancellotti

**Federal Agent, Army Criminal
Investigation Division
Williamsburg, Va.**

CDR John J. Ancellotti is a Federal Agent with the Army Criminal Investigation Division Major Procurement Fraud Unit (MPFU). He serves as the Resident Agent-in-Charge (RAC) of the unit that covers southern Virginia.

From December 2006 through May 2007, he deployed to Baghdad, Iraq as RAC of the MPFU office working public corruption cases jointly with the Iraqi Criminal Investigations Directorate (equivalent to the U.S. FBI). He established the first-ever working relationship with the Iraqi Criminal Investigation Directorate's Economic Crime Division resulting in several arrests of Iraqi and foreign nationals committing bribery and fraud against U.S. contractors supporting OPERATION IRAQI FREEDOM and OPERATION ENDURING FREEDOM (OIF/OEF).

Ancellotti's present Reserve assignment is with the



Joint Chiefs of Staff, Pentagon. Within the Naval Coastal Warfare community, he has deployed to United Arab Emirates in response to the USS Cole bombing, and during OEF/OIF to Turkey, and Souda Bay, Crete, providing anti-terrorism force protection to NATO forces.

IT3 Fred Csontos

**Locomotive Electrician,
Metro East Industries
St. Louis, Mo.**

IT3 Fred Csontos gets to do what every boy growing up wants to do — play with trains. He is a locomotive

electrician for a repair company named Metro East Industries that fixes everything from boxcars to the latest state of the art locomotives.

Csontos says that everyday is different in this industry. Locomotives can be repaired anywhere from South America to Canada and not every shop follows the same standards.

"I am responsible for everything from lighting, radios, event recorders and satellite GPS locating to the main

generators which produce upwards of 3000 horsepower," said Csontos. "MKs may be familiar with the EMD 700 series diesel engine that drives our generators — it has been used on some cutters over the years. I have the opportunity to work with systems from 74 Volts DC to 600 Volts AC."

According to Csontos, who drills at ESU St. Louis, locomotives are long-lived workhorses. Most of the units he works on were built in the 1960s and have received many modifications to keep them up to date. Newer models have miles of wire and hundreds of sensors and microcomputers.

"It can be hard work but exciting," said Csontos.



LT Tom Adams

Teacher, Wiregrass Ranch High School Wesley Chapel, Fla.

Teacher Brings Touch of Class to Reserve Job and Classroom

By PA2 Judy L. Silverstein, USCGR

Every evening, LT Tom Adams pores over lesson plans, crafting clever ways to teach mathematics. On drill weekends, he dons an operational dress uniform, bringing the same, intense passion to both jobs.

With 13 years of teaching experience, Adams sees parallels between teaching and his career in the Reserve, which has spanned more than 15 years.

"Both involve a sense of dedication and duty," said Adams, who taught at Wesley Chapel High School from 1999-2007 until jumping ship to Wiregrass Ranch High School earlier this year.

His skill and his dedication made Adams an ideal candidate for the Pasco County, Fla. Teacher of the Year award, an honor conferred by his peers. He accepted the award at the Pasco Education Foundation's annual Education Celebration during February 2007.

"I was absolutely surprised when I won," he said. "There were some outstanding educators competing. But you can't do jobs like these unless you have a good support team," he said, adding that camaraderie and teamwork are important components of both his careers.

Recently, a student asked him what it feels like to be a veteran.

"As a citizen of the United States, the Coast Guard offers a good way to serve, but so does teaching," he replied. "It's why I enjoy both."

As a former member of PSU 307 based in St. Petersburg, Fla., Adams was no stranger to deployments that included Guantanamo Bay, Cuba and Louisiana in the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina. Both jobs have involved personal sacrifice and devotion to duty.

"The hardest part (about deployments) was leaving the students," he said. "You want to serve your country and you don't want to disrupt the way your students learn."

The tug on his time and his heart, also extends to his family.

Coast Guard colleagues say Adams is dedicated, organized and focused. As a reservist and a teacher, he has faith in his instincts and training.

"I learned more in my first year of teaching than any of my students," Adams said. "The key is staying open to new experiences."

Just as in his reserve job as the Vessel Facilities Officer, each day in the classroom is full of new opportunities and challenges.

A married father with two children, Adams serves as Assistant Boy Scout master through his church. The teaching bug came from his parents, grandfather and aunts, who also taught school. But he's one of the first in his family to serve in the military — a career that began with a two-and-a-half year stint in the Texas Army National Guard. He's also proud his son shows an interest in some day flying Coast Guard helicopters. His civilian career included a stretch working as a software engineer in the defense industry, but teaching, he said, is in his blood.

"Teaching can be tough, but it's highly rewarding," he said. "I recently had a student who said he never understood math until my class. That was humbling and I realized how rewarding my job really is."

Drill weekends pose similar challenges.

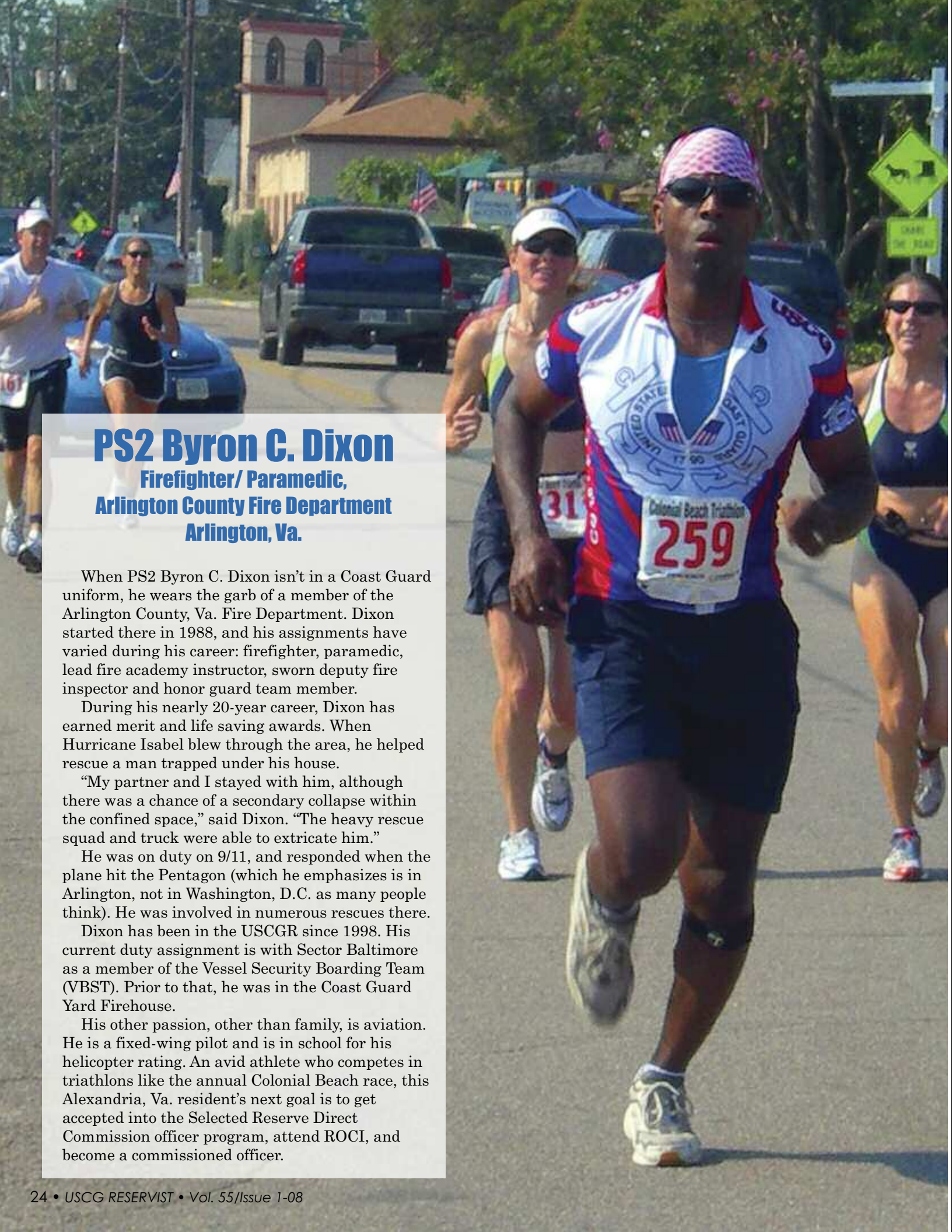
"You miss all kinds of events with your family, but by Sunday, you're all pumped up about the job," said Adams, noting it's an honor to both teach and serve his country.

"I feel good about what I do and I'm proud of both of my jobs."

That's why colleagues say Adams brings a touch of class to all he pursues.

LT Tom Adams, center, accepts the Pasco County, Fla. Teacher of the Year award at the Pasco Education Foundation's annual Education Celebration in February 2007. Also present, l. to r., Heather Fiorentino, Superintendent, Pasco County Schools; David Keys, Pasco Education Foundation Board of Directors; Adams; Kathryn Starkey, School Board Member; and Frank Roder, United School Employees of Pasco, Business Representative.





PS2 Byron C. Dixon

**Firefighter/ Paramedic,
Arlington County Fire Department
Arlington, Va.**

When PS2 Byron C. Dixon isn't in a Coast Guard uniform, he wears the garb of a member of the Arlington County, Va. Fire Department. Dixon started there in 1988, and his assignments have varied during his career: firefighter, paramedic, lead fire academy instructor, sworn deputy fire inspector and honor guard team member.

During his nearly 20-year career, Dixon has earned merit and life saving awards. When Hurricane Isabel blew through the area, he helped rescue a man trapped under his house.

"My partner and I stayed with him, although there was a chance of a secondary collapse within the confined space," said Dixon. "The heavy rescue squad and truck were able to extricate him."

He was on duty on 9/11, and responded when the plane hit the Pentagon (which he emphasizes is in Arlington, not in Washington, D.C. as many people think). He was involved in numerous rescues there.

Dixon has been in the USCGR since 1998. His current duty assignment is with Sector Baltimore as a member of the Vessel Security Boarding Team (VBST). Prior to that, he was in the Coast Guard Yard Firehouse.

His other passion, other than family, is aviation. He is a fixed-wing pilot and is in school for his helicopter rating. An avid athlete who competes in triathlons like the annual Colonial Beach race, this Alexandria, Va. resident's next goal is to get accepted into the Selected Reserve Direct Commission officer program, attend ROCI, and become a commissioned officer.

LTJG Nathan L. Curry

United States Postal Inspector

Beaumont, Texas

In civilian life, LTJG Nathan Curry is a United States Postal Inspector with an area of responsibility throughout southeast Texas. As the primary law enforcement arm of the U.S. Postal Service and one of the oldest federal law enforcement agencies, postal inspectors are federal criminal investigators who protect the Postal Service, its employees and its customers from criminal attack. They also protect the nation's mail system from criminal misuse.

Postal Inspectors are federal law enforcement officers who carry firearms, make arrests and serve federal search warrants and subpoenas. Inspectors work closely with U.S. Attorneys, other law enforcement agencies, and local prosecutors to investigate postal cases and prepare them for court.

Curry joined the Coast Guard Reserve in 2005 and graduated with ROCI Class 2-05. A graduate of Sam Houston State University and Texas A&M University, he has also completed graduate work at the University of Texas at Arlington in criminal justice and public administration. He resides in Beaumont, Texas and currently drills at MSU Port Arthur.



LCDR Timothy Decker

Teacher, Homestead High School

Fort Wayne, Ind.

LCDR Timothy Decker lives in Fort Wayne, Ind. and has been a government and psychology teacher at Homestead High School for the past 18 years. He recently retired as the varsity assistant baseball coach, a position he held for 17 seasons. Decker is also a driver's education instructor, has been the school's weight room supervisor, has worked running scoreboards and clocks and provided supervision for numerous athletic events over the years.

During the summers between 1997-2002, and then again in 2004, Decker served as an Admissions Officer at the Coast Guard Academy. He was the project officer for the International Cadet Programs, conducted Admissions briefing to prospective students, arranged for visits from foreign military services and coordinated visits from school groups and youth organizations to the Academy grounds. He now drills at MSU Toledo in the Response Department.

"I deployed in the spring of 2006 to New Orleans in support of Hurricane Katrina efforts," said Decker. "I worked at Sector New Orleans in the Planning



Department."

Teaching has afforded LCDR Decker a unique opportunity to be more actively involved in the Reserve. He has his summers available for additional Coast Guard duties and the flexibility to take advantage of other Coast Guard opportunities that might come along.

LTJG Michael Doupe

Sales Manager, Aqua Lung Pacific
Ewa Beach, Hawaii

LTJG Michael Doupe is a Territory Sales Manager for Aqua Lung Pacific, a division of Aqua Lung America, located in Honolulu, Hawaii.

“We are a SCUBA equipment manufacturer,” said Doupe. “We sell a full line of SCUBA equipment, snorkeling gear, kayaking equipment and swim products. I service a sales territory that includes Hawaii, Japan and Micronesia.”

Doupe’s job responsibilities consist of selling products to an authorized dealer network, teaching retail staff about product knowledge and providing service and technical support. This includes instructing repair technicians on the latest techniques on regulator repair and teaching sales staff features and benefits of the products in their retail environment.

“My company also has had a long history of supporting the U.S. military including the Navy Seals, Army divers, Marine forces and Coast Guard rescue swimmers (ASTs),” said Doupe, who drills at Sector Guam Logistics Division. “We make a wide variety of products that assist the military member in performing their duty in a safer manner.”

One particular product that is used by many



helicopter aircrews including the Coast Guard is the HABD, Helicopter Aircrew Breathing Device. It is an emergency air source designed to be used by aircrews for safe egress in the case of an in-water landing.

HS2 Phyllis Evans

Registered Nurse, Twin Cities Hospital
Niceville, Fla.

When HS2 Phyllis Evans was a child, she could see the



hanger at Aviation Training Center Mobile, Ala. from the airport when they picked up her father from his frequent travels.

“I remember thinking, ‘wow, that’s the Coast Guard,’” said Evans. “It looked so big and important.”

After getting an associate degree in nursing, she enlisted in the Direct Petty Officer Program (REBI) in 1998. She initially worked as a Health Services Technician (HS) in the clinic at ATC Mobile until moving to Florida to take a position in the emergency room (ER) at Fort Walton Beach Medical Center. She now works as a registered nurse in the ER at Twin Cities Hospital.

Some of her ER duties include receiving the victims of boating accidents, jet-ski crashes, near drownings and medical emergencies at sea. For some of these cases, Coast Guard Station Destin was the initial responder. Station personnel would bring them to the station, meet the ambulance on the dock and then send them to the ER.

During Reserve drills, Evans works with Sector Mobile to assist in the medical readiness of the outlying small boat stations from Panama City to Pensacola, Fla.

“I have been blessed with this opportunity in my life,” said Evans. “I wear my uniform with pride knowing I have a small but important part in serving my country.”

CWO4 Roderick C. Golphin

Deputy Chief, Tracy Police Department Tracy, Calif.

The beginning of 2007 brought with it a big change for CWO4 Roderick Golphin. He was hired as the new deputy chief for the Tracy, Calif. Police Department. Golphin is an 18-year veteran of the Oakland Police Department where he most recently served as the commander in charge of its 84-person Communications Division.

“After 18 years in Oakland, I felt it was time to make a career move,” said Golphin. “The position with Tracy opened up, and I felt it was a perfect opportunity.”

The 48-year-old Golphin, who drills at the PACAREA Command Center in Alameda, has served as a Police Service Area Commander, a Patrol Division Watch Commander and the Officer in Charge of the Oakland park rangers. While with the park rangers, he created the concept of Drug Free Park Zones within the City of Oakland’s parks, a program that drew high praise from the community. Early in his career, Golphin served in a variety of assignments, including patrol sergeant, motorcycle officer and undercover narcotics officer.

Tracy Police Chief David Krauss acknowledged the process of hiring Golphin took a long time — the Tracy City Council created the position when it passed the 2007 budget in June 2006 and the department went through three rounds of interviews — but Krauss believes he found the right man.

“Golphin’s background and skill set make him the type that can help take the department to a level where they are even better than they are today,” Krauss said.



LCDR John M. Hartzell

County Solicitor Adams County, Pa.

Working out of the county courthouse in Gettysburg, Pa., LCDR John Hartzell serves as the County Solicitor for Adams County. He advises the three-member Board of County Commissioners on legal components of county work not affiliated with criminal matters. This includes zoning, land use, contracts, civil rights, elections, real estate taxation, and construction matters. He also advises the board with regard to operation of the county nursing home and elder law.

His familiarity with emergency response from a five-year Reserve tour at MSO/Group Philadelphia has been helpful in working with the County Department of Emergency Services, where he helped plan construction of a County Emergency Services Training Facility, and where he serves on the county emergency volunteer staff. In addition, his background in public administration allows him to assist in long-range county planning. LCDR Hartzell has served as County Solicitor since April 2000.

He is currently the Assistant Legal Advisor, Maritime Intelligence Fusion Center — Atlantic (MIFC LANT) in Chesapeake, Va.

LTJG Sonya Hedrick

Dolphin Trainer Point Loma, Calif.

Dream Comes True for Navy Dolphin Trainer

By PAC Chuck Wullenjohn, USCGR

An attraction to the ocean and sea-dwelling wildlife is common to nearly everyone in the Coast Guard, but one reservist at Sector San Diego has taken her interest a step further. Her full-time job is training dolphins for the Navy at nearby Point Loma.

“Doing this has been a dream of mine since I was six years old,” said LTJG Sonya Hedrick, a Southern California native who exudes enthusiasm as she speaks. “I’ve wanted to do this since visiting Sea World as a young girl with my parents.”

Hedrick joined the Coast Guard Reserve in 2000 while a student at the California Maritime Academy in Vallejo. After graduating two years later, she was accepted as an intern in the Navy’s Marine Mammal Program at Point Loma, an internship that was interrupted after only two months when the Coast Guard called her to active duty.

“The Navy folks were very understanding — when my active duty ended after four months, I went right back into the program,” said Hedrick. “Upon graduating, they offered me a full-time job.”

Hedrick waxes poetic about her work, being truly in love with what she does. “Dolphins are beautiful creatures being 100 percent hydrodynamic,” she said. “They’re absolutely flawless in the water.”

Hedrick explained that dolphins normally cruise at about eight miles per hour in the ocean, but are capable of bursts of up to 20 miles per hour. Once one gets to know them, she said, each dolphin has its own distinct personality, similar to people.

Each dolphin is different, with some yearning for one-on-one contact, while others are loners. Some are playful, rubbing one another and jumping through hula-hoops. The trainers get to know the mannerisms of the dolphins they work with very well.

In her Coast Guard position, Hedrick works as a pollution investigator at Sector San Diego and is working to become qualified as a federal on-scene coordinator in order to handle large-scale pollution incidents on San Diego Bay. One of her responsibilities is to run the Sea Partners program, which dovetails neatly into her personal goals of maintaining a clean ocean environment.

Sea Partners is an environmental outreach program meant to educate the public about the negative effect of waterborne debris and spills. She helps organize clean-ups and regularly visits school classrooms, emphasizing what she calls ‘the three R’s,’ which stand for ‘reduce, recycle and re-use.’

“Debris in the water is a danger to sea creatures in San Diego Bay, as is an oil spill,” said Hedrick. “I’m

constantly pulling plastic bags out of the water.” She says sea animals often cannot distinguish between trash and food, and she’s witnessed the tragic sight of drowned animals with bags or discarded fishing lines wrapped around their necks.

“Sea animals are important to me and I’m passionate about it,” she said. Hedrick is a big believer in the ‘plus one’ rule, which means a person should pick up and carry out all his or her trash, plus one more. “Just think what





would happen if everyone did this?" she asked.

One of her enjoyable tasks when visiting school classrooms with the Coast Guard is bringing along "Diego," a life-size costumed dolphin. Diego accompanies her on most school visits, the role being played by Coast Guard enlisted and officer volunteers.

Diego usually waits outside the classroom as she begins her discussion, introducing him a few minutes later. She tells kids that he lives in the offshore waters, and he responds to yes and no questions by nodding or

shaking his head.

"The kids love it," she said. "They end up loving the Coast Guard because of what we do and always swarm around Diego to share a hug or shake his hand."

Hedrick feels she has the best job around. Helping a new generation learn to respect the environment makes the world a cleaner place, one person at a time. She's doing what she loves by living out her dream, one that began as little girl at Sea World.

HS2 Brian Harvin

Alabama ABC Agent Dothan, Ala.

HS2 Brian Harvin's public service work began at age 16 when he joined the Enterprise Alabama Rescue Squad. He completed the police academy graduating in the top five in his class before turning 21. He spent 11 years with local police departments and is now an agent for the Alabama Alcohol Beverage Control (ABC) Board. He is a member of the Houston County Board for Southeast Alabama EMS Council and the Henry-Barbour County Children's Policy Councils.

This past year, he was awarded the National Liquor Enforcement Officer of the Year by the National Liquor Law Enforcement Association at their 21st annual conference in Orlando, Fla. Harvin received the award for his outstanding efforts in locating and rescuing a missing child following the theft of an automobile. Within hours of the initial bulletin, Harvin found the car and the sleeping child unharmed. He was also awarded the state of Alabama ABC Merit Award for his



work in locating the missing child.

Harvin joined the USCG in January 2003 and serves as a HS2 with PSU 308 in Gulfport, Miss. He deployed in support of IRAQI FREEDOM and Hurricane Katrina.

PS3 Allen C. Karch

Pennsylvania State Trooper Philadelphia, Pa.

PS3 Allen C. Karch has been in law enforcement for several years, first with the Philadelphia city police department, then as a Pennsylvania state trooper. He

is currently assigned to the Gaming Enforcement Unit at the Philadelphia Park Casino.

"I investigate crimes that occur within the casino," said Karch. "Due to the excellent surveillance system within the casino, most criminals are immediately apprehended. My uniform consists of a suit and tie concealing my identity until someone commits a crime — the complete opposite of my assignment on patrol as a "Road Dog."

Karch was in a film that aired this fall on PBS called New Cops (www.newcops.com). He drills at Sector Delaware Bay, and is a senior at Holy Family University where he is finishing up his bachelor's degree in management marketing — thanks to tuition assistance from the USCG.

And then there's his rock band too!

"My passion has always been music," said Karch. "I am the lead singer in a rock band called Mother Sunshade (www.myspace.com/mothersunshade). I have a single I am putting out this year titled War Bride. A portion of the proceeds from the CD sales will be donated to the Iraq and Afghanistan veterans who sustained life changing injuries."





BM3 Keary Haubner

Shuttle Boat Operator, Atlantis Submarines Honolulu, Hawaii

Aloha from Hawaii by way of BM3 Keary Haubner!

"I work for a tourist company called Atlantis Submarines in Honolulu," said Haubner. "In Oahu, I operate a tourist shuttle boat called Discovery, where I take passengers on a 10-minute boat ride to their submarine dive site."

Once there, passengers disembark from the shuttle boat and board the deck of the tourist submarine, climb down a hatch, and proceed to an undersea adventure. Atlantis operates three submarines, which operate off Waikiki Beach. Atlantis XIV, the world's largest hi-tech passenger submarine, can accommodate 64 passengers and spans more than 100 feet.

"There are also two 48-passenger submarines that descend below 100 feet on their tour," said Haubner. "Atlantis subs are now found in Grand Cayman, Barbados, St. Thomas, Aruba, Guam, Cozumel and on the Hawaiian Islands of Kona, Maui and Oahu."

As a Coast Guard Reservist, Haubner is a BM3 and drills at Sector Honolulu's Response Department. He was previously assigned to the CGC ASSATEAGUE before it was moved to Guam.



CDR Marilea “Mari” Lloyd

Actress and Singer Juneau, Alaska

**All the World’s A Stage for Coast Guard Reservist
Story and photos by
PAC Amy Thomas, Pacific Area Public Affairs**

Marilea “Mari” Lloyd plays many roles in her life: that of numerous female soprano leads including the Narrator in Andrew Lloyd Webber’s *Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat*, and Guenevere in Alan Jay Lerner’s and Frederick Loewe’s *Camelot*; wife of 18 years to Craig; mother of Matthew, 17, Emily, 14, and Bridget, 12; and that of Coast Guard commander and Reserve officer for the Seventeenth District’s Prevention Branch in Juneau, Alaska.

Lloyd said the path in life she wanted to take was very clear to her. She spent some time on active duty in the Marines, Navy and Coast Guard. Combining that with her years as a Coast Guard Reservist, Lloyd has spent nearly half her life in the military.

“I always knew I wanted to be in the service,” Lloyd said. “I was determined I would earn it myself and not just marry into it. I take a lot of pride in it.”

She’s proud of her acting career, too. Lloyd said she enjoys it mostly because she gets to pretend to be something she’s not, if only for a little while.

“I’m not a showy person,” Lloyd said. “That’s why I love acting. I can pretend to be.”

Lloyd said she considers herself versatile both on and off the stage, due in large part to the demands of being both Coast Guard Reserve officer and a spouse of an active duty Coast Guardsman; she has been through 10 Coast Guard moves and 13 billets.

“I’ve worn so many hats because we moved just about every few years,” she said. “I don’t have time to worry about confidence. I’ve got to be able to hit the deck running and be productive.”

That versatility was evident during her assignment in 2005 as Sector San Francisco’s senior reserve officer, where she managed the largest contingent of reservists in the Western United States.

“I was basically told, ‘You’ve got a tiger by the tail. Here’s a program for you to develop, now run with it,’” she said. “How many people really get that opportunity?” Consequently, Sector San Francisco was commended for its efforts by winning the 2006 Sparks Award, named for RADM Bennett “Bud” Sparks, for the active duty unit demonstrating the most effective use of Coast Guard Reservists.

Lloyd began her theater career 11 years ago. However, between her husband's busy active duty career, home schooling her children and managing her own career, she was left little free time to pursue singing and acting.

Lloyd's clear, vibrant soprano voice belies the fact that until her latest move to Alaska, where she recently began taking classical voice lessons, she has had no formal training — her bachelor's degree is in political science from the University of Maryland.

When her children got older and began attending school, Lloyd could concentrate more on her singing. She started singing in her church choir when the family moved to her home state of Maryland, and she auditioned for and was cast in the feature soprano role in the church's production of Samuel French, Ltd.'s *Sing On!* Her husband, who had never heard her sing before even after eight years of marriage, was dumbfounded.

"After the performance, friends and church members kept coming up to me, asking why she hadn't been singing before this," said husband Craig, now the commanding officer of the CGC *MUNRO*. "I remember just trying to figure out how that much voice came out of my wife, let alone admitting that I had no idea she could sing."

Following *Sing On!* Lloyd was cast in a variety of shows produced by Maryland community theaters and the College of Southern Maryland: *Jesus Christ Superstar*, *South Pacific*, *Nell of the Ozarks* and *On the Seventh Day*.

Lloyd's next move was to Rhode Island. While working at the Marine Safety Office in Providence, Lloyd landed what would become her favorite role so far: Maria in *Sound of Music* for City Nights Dinner Theater.

Lloyd and Maria have similar qualities.

"It felt good doing that role," Lloyd said. "The part is just so wholesome."

Lloyd is soft-spoken yet commanding. She is devoted to her career, but not at the expense of her family; her children and husband are paramount. When her husband is shore side, she keeps her theater pursuits to a minimum so that she can spend more time with him.

"That time is precious," she said.

With each new tour, it is difficult for Lloyd to integrate into the town's thespian community. Many times, she has

resorted to asking strangers about performance opportunities. Shortly after her family moved to California to begin a Pacific Area tour; she saw a man in a department store wearing a *My Fair Lady* sweatshirt. She went up to him and asked him where the performance was being held and who to call for an audition.

"Sometimes that's the only way I can find out," Lloyd said.

During a previous tour in Alaska, Lloyd was in several productions for the Kodiak Community Arts Council. She said that Kodiak is one of her favorite places to perform because so many people from the Coast Guard

community were involved in the productions.

"The talent is phenomenal [here]," Lloyd said. "Even the commanding officers take lead roles."

Although she's very patriotic, Lloyd said that when she begins a new show, she usually doesn't reveal her military background to her fellow cast members right away. Instead, she prefers to let them get to know her as "Mari" first.

"The two worlds are very different," Lloyd said. Because of the dichotomy of her two worlds, Lloyd takes the opportunity to show other cast members, that even though she's in the military and moves often, theater is a valuable part of her life. "I'm usually the only military member," Lloyd said, laughing. "I see that as a way to reach out to the public and educate them about the Coast Guard Reserve."

Just as her theater friends are sometimes shocked to hear about her military

background, Lloyd said her Coast Guard friends and co-workers are equally surprised to find out she is an actress and singer.

Performing has proven to be a confidence builder for Lloyd, because it helps her improve her skill as a public speaker, which serves her well in and out of the Coast Guard. Acting also feeds her competitive nature; she equates getting cast in a part to winning a sporting event.

Lloyd's next audition is for *Camelot*. Lloyd is hopeful she'll get chosen for one of the roles.

"'All the world's a stage,'" Lloyd said, quoting a line of William Shakespeare. "And I'm just holding my breath, waiting to see what happens next."





MST2 Holli Joy Lamb

**Marine Mammal Trainer,
Theater of the Sea
Islamorada, Fla.**

Fun and unique is how MST2 Holli Joy Lamb describes her civilian employment.

"I train 500-pound sea lions!" said Lamb. "I am currently employed at Theater of the Sea as a Marine Mammal Trainer. I work with sea turtles, crocodiles, stingrays, Atlantic bottle-nosed dolphins and California sea lions. I look forward to work everyday and it amazes me on a constant basis how talented, smart and fun these animals are!"

Lamb says they have several programs open to the public like swimming with the animals, meeting them and even having a dolphin or sea lion paint you a picture.

"My favorite part of my job is doing the sea lion show," said Lamb. "I'd like to take the credit for making people laugh, but it's really the animals that are the stars and their huge personalities steal the show."

Lamb joined the USCG back in 1996 when she was 17 as an active duty member and is currently drilling at Sector Key West, Fla.

"Without the Coast Guard, I could have never been able to afford to put myself through college and have the amazing career I have today," added Lamb.



LCDR Jeb Livingood **Professor,** **University of Virginia** **Charlottesville, Va.**

LCDR Jeb Livingood says his two jobs — university professor and Coast Guard intelligence analyst — actually have a lot more in common than many would think.

“At the University of Virginia, I teach first-year students how to write an academic paper, but the structure, style and process I use all have direct parallels in the intelligence community,” said Livingood.

In the Coast Guard Reserve, Livingood works for Atlantic Area Intelligence’s Alien Migration Interdiction Operations (AMIO)

Section. His analytical efforts there also remind him of the challenges his young students face.

“We both have to take an overwhelming amount of sometimes conflicting information and make sense out of it,” added Livingood.

Prior to his Intel tour, Livingood was a Command Duty Officer at MSO Hampton Roads, and he credits his smooth transition from “P” to “R” to his Atlantic Area supervisor, Mr. Darrell Nolen, who Livingood says “knows about all there is to know about AMIO.”

Though it’s rare to meet another reservist at the University of Virginia, Livingood found the university’s English Department very supportive during his extended call-ups in both 2001 and 2003. While he sometimes envies reservists whose civilian jobs directly parallel their reserve careers, he says, “I like the challenge of straddling two very different workplace cultures.”

BM1 Bryan Mastrangelo **Police Detective,** **Waterfront Commission of New York Harbor** **New York, N.Y.**

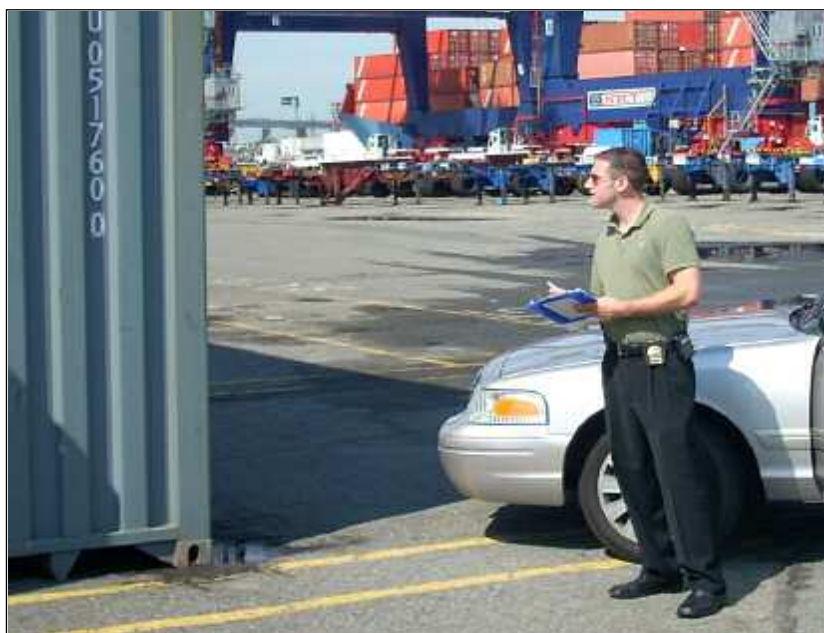
BM1 Bryan Mastrangelo is a police detective with the Waterfront Commission of New York Harbor. Established in 1953, the Waterfront Commission’s operational jurisdiction encompasses the vast 25-mile port district of both New York and New Jersey. This small, goal-oriented department was enacted as a result of the need to combat organized crime and other forms of criminal activity throughout the port region, which was extremely prominent during the 1950s. The Waterfront Commission police continue this mission today.

Since its inception, the Waterfront Commission has cooperatively worked with numerous presidential, federal and state administrations. Besides the policing aspects throughout the port of New York area, the Waterfront Commission also provides longshoremen with equal and fair hiring practices.

In addition to combating organized crime and providing general policing for the port laborers (longshoremen), the Waterfront Commission verifies the identity of port employees. Waterfront police detectives investigate a host of matters including, but not limited to, cargo theft

and other cases regarding general criminal activity. In addition, the waterfront police conduct background investigations for security officers at all maritime terminals. Subsequently, the waterfront police train those security officers and licensed port watchmen and monitor their daily work. The Waterfront Commission’s Web site is: www.wcnyh.org.

Mastrangelo drills at Station Jones Beach in Freeport, N.Y., but is currently serving on Title 10 orders at Station San Diego, Calif. Once he has completed his Title 10, Mastrangelo plans to return to his civilian position with the Waterfront Commission police.



LT Philip Mikan

Emergency Preparedness Program Specialist Connecticut Department of Emergency Management and Homeland Security

Federal, state and local personnel attending drills and exercises in Connecticut frequently ask LT Phil Mikan, "Why aren't you in uniform today?" He usually responds, "I am not representing the Coast Guard today, I am here in my state role."

LT Phil Mikan of Sector Long Island Sound bridges his roles as an Emergency Preparedness Program Specialist for the Connecticut Department of Emergency Management and Homeland Security and as a drilling reservist with relative ease. His background in operations from a previous career as a local police officer and as an active duty Coast Guardsman helped prepare him for his role as a planner.

"I loved being in operations," said Mikan. "Now, I find it very enjoyable taking my ops background and applying it to planning and preparedness. Both my jobs are in the center of keeping the State of Connecticut ready to deal with emergencies or terrorism. I am very fortunate to find myself in this situation where I almost always know of emerging issues facing the state and the local Coast Guard. I do like the fact that I know all the people who partner with the Coast Guard and State of Connecticut."

Mikan is assigned to the Strategic Planning and



Grants Unit but plays a role in staffing the State of Connecticut Emergency Operations Center during activations. In addition, he is the Assistant Public Information Officer for the agency. He is responsible for conducting media briefs during drills, exercises or activations, and passing emergency public information to the citizens of Connecticut.



BM2 Rob Noll Supervisor, Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services Orlando, Fla.

BM2 Rob Noll works for the Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services as a supervisor for the Bureau of Food and Meat Inspection Division of Food Safety. He supervises 10 food safety inspectors throughout Orange and Seminole Counties. He is responsible to ensure approximately 3,500 food establishments comply with all health and safety practices to protect the public from unsanitary food. Noll has been with the department for seven years after leaving the restaurant management industry in 2000.

Noll began looking to join a Reserve

component of the Armed Forces in the spring of 2001 because he felt the need to "contribute more to his country." He decided on the U.S. Coast Guard and reported to Cape May, N.J. in February of 2002. After basic training, he was assigned to Station Port Canaveral, and in the spring of 2003, was activated for OPERATION IRAQI FREEDOM and assigned to Sector San Juan, Puerto Rico, for military out load security. He has also had the opportunity to assist in several special operations such as the 2004 G8 Summit and waterside security for the 2005 Superbowl in Jacksonville, Fla.

A highlight of 2007 for Noll was the Military Order of World Wars presenting him with the "Citizen Soldier" Award at their annual recognition luncheon June 21, 2007. CWO3 Michael Locke, CO of Station Port Canaveral, Fla., accompanied him.

IS1 Joe Melton

**Claims Manager,
TRICARE North Claims Center
Myrtle Beach, S.C.**

When IS1 Joe Melton turned 42 on Oct. 11, 2007, his colleagues at the TRICARE North Claims Center in Myrtle Beach, S.C., had a Coast Guard cake made for him.

"I am the lone Coast Guard person here," said Melton, an IS1 reservist at Sector Charleston, S.C. "I am a claims manager at PGBA, which is a division of Blue Cross Blue Shield of South Carolina that provides TRICARE services."



BM3 Araceli Palomino

**Graduate Student, Teaching Associate
California State University San Bernardino**

BM3 Araceli Palomino is a full-time graduate student and teaching associate at California State University San Bernardino. She is a second year master's degree student in Communication Studies.

"My area of studies and expertise include online interpersonal, military and instructional communication," said Palomino.

She is also in her second year as a Teaching Associate in the Communication Studies department.

"I am one of only two students in our department who has been offered to teach more than one college class per quarter for two years," added Palomino.

As a college instructor, Palomino teaches Oral Communication, more familiarly known as public speaking, each quarter. Besides her regular instructor duties such as preparing lectures, activities, assignments and grading, her job is to instruct college students, primarily freshman or upperclassmen with stage fright, how to become successful public speakers.

"As a public speaking instructor, my job includes reducing speech apprehension, increasing student's self-confidence in public speaking and providing essential information and guidance on improving effective public speaking abilities," said Palomino. "In addition, several of my students are college freshman who have recently graduated from

high school. As young adults preparing to become professionals, I also mentor my students on making proficient choices in their academic endeavors and prepare them for future careers."

Often times her position requires that she assist students on using computer technology, provide advice for job and internship opportunities, and develop professional workplace etiquette. She frequently advises her students that she not only is their public speaking coach, but a person that will help them understand and develop a level of professionalism for their future careers. Once Palomino graduates in June 2008, she will continue to instruct the same required course at a variety of community colleges in the Southern California area.

Palomino has been stationed at Station Los Angeles/Long Beach the last two years where she is breaking in as coxswain.





CDR Rafael A. Ortiz
Firefighter/Paramedic,
Los Angeles County Fire Department
Los Angeles, Calif.

CDR Rafael A. Ortiz is a firefighter/paramedic and flight crew chief for the Los Angeles County Fire Department.

"I am one of only 18 firefighter/ paramedics assigned to Air Operations in a department of over 3,000 personnel," said Ortiz. "I work 24 hour shifts for a 56-hour work week, and am assigned to the

Northern Air Squad that covers the northern portion of Los Angeles County."

The aircraft missions include medical evacuation for specialized emergency needs such as pediatrics and trauma, swift-water and over the side cliff rescues and firefighting operations. Ortiz is a medical specialist with the department's Urban Search & Rescue FEMA response team. He responded for Hurricane Katrina in this capacity.

He also teaches CPR, first aid, life guarding and disaster preparation for the American Red Cross, and works as a Boy Scout merit badge counselor. Active in many professional organizations, Ortiz is attached to MLC Pacific.

ENS Manny Puri

**Deputy U.S. Marshal
New York, N.Y.**



Coast Guard Special Agents pause for a photo op recently for the Citizen-Sailor issues. Left to right: Reserve Special Agent Dennis Munchel, Deputy U.S. Marshal; Reserve Special Agent John Keeley, NYPD Detective; ENS Manny Puri, Deputy U.S. Marshal; Special Agent Anthony Cangelosi, CG Investigative Service; and Special Agent James Head, CWO active duty. Puri was voted one of America's Top Cops in a national competition earlier this year and featured in Issue 5-07 of *The Reservist*.

BMCS Eric Renker

**Pharmacist
HCA Oak Hill Hospital,
Brooksville, Fla.**

What's a Florida-licensed pharmacist doing in front of an elementary school class in West Virginia? Well, he's making a presentation during National Poison Prevention Week, of course!

For the past 22 years, Eric Renker, a Florida

Pharmacist and Coast Guard Reserve BMCS, has been speaking in front of elementary school children during the third week in March in support of the poison prevention effort. Since its inception in 1961, the number of deaths of children from household chemicals and medicines has fallen from over 500 to under 20. By engaging children in such activities as the game "We Ask First," Renker encourages them to be aware of dangers and help others in their families to do the same.

Last year, he worked for the Tennessee Poison Control Center and spoke to more than 1,000 children in four different schools. This year, he connected with the West Virginia Poison Control Center and made presentations

in three schools in two counties, reaching over 1,500 children in an area not normally covered during this effort.

A 1976 graduate of the U.S. Coast Guard Academy, Renker left the Coast Guard in 1981 and served as Mate and Relief Master on ocean-going tugs. He returned to school in 1983 and graduated from the University of Florida, College of Pharmacy in 1985. His practice settings have included community, institutional and geriatric pharmacies. He currently works at HCA Oak Hill Hospital in Brooksville, Fla. Renker joined the Coast Guard Reserve in 1999 as a BM1, advancing to chief in 2003 and senior chief in 2006. He currently serves at Station Sand Key, Fla.





BM2 Eric Pimer

**Police Officer, West Haven Police
Department
West Haven, Conn.**

BM2 Eric Pimer is a sergeant with the West Haven, Conn. Police Department and the supervisor of the traffic division. Pimer's duties include supervision of the Fatal Accident Reconstruction Team, motorcycle officers and school crossing guards. In his spare time, Pimer coaches a local swim team that has over 100 members.

Pimer served on active duty during the 1980s but returned to begin his Reserve career in 1998, assigned to the independent maritime response vessel (IMARV) at Fort Totten, N.Y. He responded to the terrorist attacks on Sept. 11, 2001 and conducted hundreds of commercial vessel boardings in New York Harbor in the days following 9/11. He is currently assigned to Station New Haven, Conn. and in 2005, was named the Connecticut CG Reservist of the year.





PS3 Greg Schneider

**Police Officer,
Elgin Police Department
Elgin, Ill.**

Elgin Police Officer PS3 Greg Schneider was on duty and in his squad car waiting for a freight train to pass last June 1. He heard the train whistle, and saw the gates come down.

Then he noticed a man sprawled across the tracks. A section of railroad tracks that crosses the sidewalk had knocked 63-year-old Bob Paulsen off his motorized scooter. Schneider jumped out of his

vehicle and raced toward the man.

"I just figured I had to do something," said Schneider. "I ran up there hoping I would get there in time."

The train was about a car-length away from Paulsen when Schneider pulled him from tracks. Paulsen, who has a degenerative spinal disorder, had heard the train horn but figured it was a slow-moving freight train. It wasn't.

"If he (Schneider) wasn't there, who knows?" asked Paulsen.

"It was a good thing I happened to be there at the right time," said Schneider, an 11-year veteran of the police department and member of PSU 309. "I feel fortunate."

Citizen-Sailors at PSU 313

PS1 Chris Olbu

**Firefighter,
Boeing Fire Department
Seattle, Wash.**

BM2 Jess Brecht

**Police Officer,
Mukilteo Police Department
Mukilteo, Wash.**

BM2 Jeff Wildes

**Firefighter/Paramedic
Central Kitsap Fire Rescue
Silverdale, Wash.**



MK2 Randolph E. Sherwood

Branch Manager, Associate Bank

Twin Lakes, Wis.

In his civilian life, MK2 Randolph E. Sherwood is a branch manager for Associated Bank in Twin Lakes, located in southeastern Wisconsin. He helps local businesses and residents with their financial needs and takes pride in community service. Sherwood is a member of the local Chamber of Commerce, participates in business expos, was president of a local networking group and has taken part in the Walk for Diabetes and Muscular Dystrophy Association Lock-Up.

A recent highlight for Sherwood was being presented with the Maj. Richard A. Bong Award during a ceremony held in Milwaukee May 14, 2007. The award is named in honor of the famed Wisconsin native who flew combat missions in World War II and lost his life while serving as a test pilot for the Air Force. It is presented to a member from each branch of the service that demonstrates leadership and professionalism to both their unit and community.

In his nomination letter for the award, BMCS Terry Lathrop, OIC at Station Kenosha, wrote, "Throughout my 16 years of service, I have never served with an individual at any pay grade more committed and focused on the Coast Guard mission and its people". Sherwood says the award came as a welcome surprise and he feels very fortunate to have received it.

Growing up on a dairy farm in upstate New York, he wasn't exactly a prime candidate for the Coast Guard. However, of the 10 or so families living near the farm, more than half of them had a tie to the Coast Guard. His



best friend's two brothers were both serving in the USCG and convinced him to join. Now, with 11 years in the USCGR, he drills at Station Kenosha, Wis. where he patrols the waters of southwestern Lake Michigan.

"I honestly love the camaraderie (within the Coast Guard) because you really feel like you're part of something special and something that's doing good," said Sherwood.

BM2 Michael Shove

Firefighter,

Guilford Fire Department

Guilford, Conn.

BM2 Michael Shove is a captain with the Guilford Fire Department in Connecticut. Shove oversees the day-to-day operations of his shift. He also conducts first aid training, CPR training and Connecticut boating operators license courses and instructs at the Connecticut Fire Academy. In addition, he donates his time to the Connecticut Kids Cancer Camp.

Shortly into his Coast Guard Reserve career, Shove was assigned to Harbor Defense Unit New York where he conducted hundreds of hours patrolling New York Harbor and other critical facilities in the area on New York Harbor. Shove, who currently drills at Station New Haven, was named the Connecticut Coast Guard Reservist of the Year in 2006.



BMC Rich Hensel ETCM Kirk Murphy BM1 Craig Allain

**Restaurant Owners
Port Canaveral, Fla.**

**Adaptability Main Ingredient as Coastie
Restaurant Owners Remain Semper Paratus**

By PA2 Judy Silverstein, USCGR

They've faced shuttle launches and sea rescues, a potent hurricane and a fire — the latter two in the restaurant they opened the previous day.

That's why the owners of Fishlips Waterfront Grill, a popular, 25,000-square-foot establishment overlooking the Port Canaveral harbor say adaptability has been their key to success.

"It's really about staying flexible," said the affable BMC Rich Hensel, who first floated the idea for opening a restaurant to his friend Kirk Murphy in 2003. Hensel named a few other ingredients in his recipe for success.

"Surround yourself with good people, work hard and treat your employees well," added Hensel.

He should know about adaptability as a reservist — and an entrepreneur.

Following a solid year of hard work, his nautical-themed, two-story restaurant opened in 2004 — the day category 4 Hurricane Frances plowed through the area. Peak winds of 145 mph closed Florida's cruise terminals and, by all accounts, Canaveral sustained a hard hit.

It was a crushing blow to the restaurant. It lost its roof. Neon lights damaged by the hurricane exploded and caught fire when power was restored. Water used to put out the flames damaged the restaurant.

"It was unbelievable," said Hensel, a former active duty Coast Guardsman.

A one-time casino boat captain, he was enjoying a lucrative career placing ATM machines on casino boats when recalled to active duty on 9/11. After another stint on active duty, he returned to reserve status and then started working on his restaurant concept.

"Frances struck just after we'd completed two weeks of intense training for about 95 employees," said Hensel, chuckling a bit at the memory. "We had \$1.8 million in damage and hadn't really been open."

But solid community relationships and close ties to Coast Guard Station Port Canaveral provided a crew



willing to help with the massive clean-up.

In addition to Hensel, a reservist at Station Port Canaveral, the owners and investors are a diverse group that includes a civilian; Mike Schwarz; Murphy, the Seventh District's Command Master Chief and PO1 Craig Allain, an active duty Coastie serving aboard the CGC Vigilant.

Hensel and Murphy cite camaraderie, focus and fun as part of the winning game plan. Dozens of Coasties have worked part-time at the restaurant, and others have been inspired to join their ranks. Once, Hensel drove an employee to the recruiting office. That employee is now on active duty as an Honor Guard member.

Each day at the waterfront restaurant provides an array of recruiting opportunities, Murphy says.

"You can't imagine the stir when the 47-footer pulls up to the sea wall," said Murphy, "or watching our 25-



footers streak across the port while on patrol. Those folks from the midwest run outside to inspect the craft and take pictures,” said Murphy, who plans to add Coast Guard literature to the restaurant’s rack of tourist brochures.

Fishlips, which re-opened in February 2005 following months of grueling cleanup and remodeling, remains a community fixture, feeding nearly 1 million customers annually. Each year, chefs go through 624 gallons of Cajun Remoulade sauce and 15,600 pounds of tuna. Every weekend, tourists and locals can enjoy live musical entertainment as they watch cruise ships pass through the harbor.

The restaurant was the scene of an impromptu wedding after the bride forgot her required identification and was denied passage on the cruise ship where her marriage ceremony was originally scheduled.

Astronauts and their families often dine at the restaurant following a landing and recently, a Fishlips t-shirt held the distinction of accompanying a shuttle crew into space.

Other special visitors have includes governors and sports celebrities, but Hensel is most proud his place is popular with local and visiting Coasties.

“When the 123s came up during the 2006 hurricane season, this was where they hung out,” said Hensel. “We’ve also had Chief’s initiations, visiting admirals, retirees, auxiliarists and a recent Cutterman’s Call. It’s a good family place to have fun and relax,” he said.

“I just want every Coastie to know that when they visit or make a port call, they are welcome at Fishlips,” said Hensel.

Ed’s note: For more information, visit: www.fishlipswaterfront.com.



PS1 Jim Thurber

College Program Director, Instructor
San Francisco, Calif.

PS1 Jim Thurber is retired from the Santa Cruz County, Calif. sheriff's office but that hasn't slowed him down one bit. He is currently working as a Program Director at a local college, teaching criminal justice and emergency services. He has 25 years of public safety service as a paramedic, in law enforcement and as a firefighter.

Thurber served in the U.S. Army before joining the CG Reserve, and is currently assigned to PSU 312. His training with the sheriff's department and with the military has prepared him to train others. Earlier this year, he assisted the California National Guard as an instructor for the Combat Life Saver/Tactical Combat Casualty Care (CLS/TCCC) program. The CLS/TCCC program is a required skill

for Army personnel deploying to combat zones. An Army certified CLS/TCCC instructor, he has been assisting with the training of National Guard/Reserve troops for the past six years. He also taught a course in Roadblocks and Checkpoints for a Field Artillery Unit readying for deployment to Iraq.

With a bachelor's degree in Emergency Management Services behind him, he is currently working on an master's degree in Homeland Security.

"The units I have been stationed with, and the Coast Guard schools I have attended have provided me with the ability to share current knowledge with our brothers and sisters in arms," said Thurber. "I'm very thankful to CDR Dodds at PSU 312 who allowed me to take the time and conduct this training. This was an excellent example of using skills held by a member to train those in need. I hope to be able to import the CLS training to the PSU community in the future."

ENS Joseph Wright

**Materials Engineer,
NAVAIR North Island
San Diego, Calif.**

For the past six years, ENS Joseph Wright has worked as a materials engineer at the In-Service Support Center located at Naval Air Station North Island in San Diego, Calif.

The organization, along with the Fleet Readiness Center-Southwest, is responsible for the repair, upgrade, and overhaul of major Navy and Marine Corps aviation systems such as the F-18, E-2/C-2, and CH-53.

“As part of the engineering side, I am responsible for providing Non-Destructive Inspection (NDI) expertise to shop personnel and other engineers,” said Wright. “Basically, NDI involves developing procedures to find and assess problem areas like cracks, delaminations, and porosity in aircraft structures using various techniques. Most importantly, the defects need to be located and monitored before they become detrimental to flight safety.”

In addition, a collateral duty involves heat damage assessment. For example, after an engine fire, the structural engineers need to know the extent and



magnitude of the damage. Wright maps the area and provides the structural side with measurements that can then be correlated to part strength and integrity. Typical projects for Wright involve certifying shop artisans, developing technique sheets for inspections, training military fleet personnel, reviewing technical manuals, and researching equipment advances.

As a reservist, he drills in the Planning and Readiness Division at Sector San Diego.

PSC Robert W. Young, Jr.

**Forest Acres Police Department
Forest Acres, S.C.**



PSC Young has been employed at the Forest Acres, S.C. Police Department almost 20 years, and currently serves as a sergeant in the Uniform Patrol Division.

“I grew up in Forest Acres and still live there today,” said Young.

However, he is currently serving on Title 10 recall for the second time since 2004, and is assisting in military outload operations at Sector Charleston in Charleston, S.C. about 110 miles from home. The Forest Acres Police Department has been very supportive during both recalls.

“I get regular e-mails and phone calls from the folks at home,” said Young. “They have helped me maintain continuity in my retirement benefits and the state required police in-service training. They check on my wife and mom in town while I am away which provides me with tremendous peace of mind. I don’t have to worry about them as much because I know that the department is looking in on them, and that allows me to focus on my duties here.”

For their great support, Young nominated his civilian employer for the Employer Support of Guard and Reserve Patriot Award. It was presented to Chief M.E. Sealy, Jr. of the Forest Acres Police Department at the Forest Acres City Council meeting June 12, 2007.



In Brief

• **ONE RATE TRICARE RESERVE SELECT PROGRAM** — In case you missed it earlier this year, the TRICARE Reserve Select (TRS) one-rate plan replaced the old three-tier system on Oct. 1, 2007. For 2008, premiums are \$81 per month for member only coverage or \$253 per month for family coverage. All drilling SELRES members are eligible who do not qualify for the Federal Employees Health Benefits Program (FEHB). All TRS three-tier coverage plans terminated on Sep. 30, 2007. Members who had previously been enrolled in TRS must re-enroll for this new program. All enrollments must be completed online using a Common Access Card (CAC) at: www.dmdc.osd.mil/appj/trs/. For enrollment assistance, contact your unit Verifying Official listed on the Reserve Web site at http://www.uscg.mil/reserve/pay_benefits/tricare.htm. For more info, see ALCOAST 399/07 or the TRICARE Web site at: http://www.uscg.mil/reserve/pay_benefits/tricare.htm.



• **CLASS "C" SCHOOLS** — Coast Guard Class "C" courses provide advanced training to prepare members of the Coast Guard for the performance of their specific jobs and duties. Class "C" schools target skills that cannot easily be obtained through on the job training, correspondence courses or other more costly methods of instruction. A list of quotas available is located on the Reserve webpage (www.uscg.mil/reserve, then go to "Training Opportunities"). For more info, contact LT Melissa Ransom, 202-475-5444, Melissa.M.Ransom@uscg.mil.

• **RESERVE COMPONENT SURVEYS** — From November 2007 to April 2008, the Human Resources Strategic Assessment Program, a division of the Defense Manpower Data Center (DMDC), will begin data collection on both the Status of Forces Survey of Reserve Component Members and the Survey of Reserve Component Spouses. Topics will include satisfaction with the military, retention intention, stress, operations tempo, deployment after 9/11, Military OneSource, transition to civilian employment and reunion and reintegration support services. Members and spouses selected for these surveys are contacted directly via postal mail and e-mail. Please note: USCGR spouses are included in the survey and QuickCompass poll of Reserve Component Spouses. USCGR members are included in the 2007 Workplace and Equal Opportunity Survey and 2008 Workplace and Gender Relations Survey, but are not included in the Status of Forces Surveys of members and the QuickCompass of members. For more info, call 703-696-7427, 1-800-881-5307 or send e-mail to: DMDCSurveyResults@osd.pentagon.mil.

• **COAST GUARD PORTAL ANNOUNCED!** A major overhaul is planned for the Coast Guard's internet presence. Details are not worked out yet but here's the good news for Coast Guard Reservists: "Due to increasing requirements and advancing technologies it is time we make some fundamental shifts in the way we do business on the web. We have some significant gaps in providing certain core functionality, and I am determined to provide a solution that better addresses the needs of those who do not have regular access to a Standard CG Work Station," said RDML D. T. Glenn, Assistant Commandant for Command, Control, Communications, Computers & Information

Technology. ALCOAST 536/07 has more information and CG-131 will be working closely with CG-6 as this project moves along. Watch for periodic updates as well as a technology issue during spring 2008.

• **OER RESERVE ROADSHOW** — The Coast Guard Personnel Command has announced details of the Reserve Officer Evaluation Report Roadshow (ALCGRSV 047/07). This 90-minute training provides opportunities for officers of all ranks, civilian supervisors and mentors to gain insight into the OER process. The proposed schedule can be viewed at: www.uscg.mil/rpm/oer/roadshow.

• **NEW CWO SPECIALTY** — See ALCGRSV 050/07 for implementation and lateral process for the new Reserve CWO Marine Safety Specialist (MSS) deck and engineering specialties.

• **PY08 RESERVE COMPONENT ENLISTED TO CWO APPOINTMENT BOARD** — ALCGRSV 053/07 announces the schedule and requirements for the PY08 Reserve CWO Appointment Board. The board convenes on April 7, 2008.

• **RESERVE COMMAND MASTER CHIEF POSITIONS (GOLD BADGE)**: Do you have what it takes to be an RCMC? They uphold the highest standards and traditions of the United States Coast Guard and assignments are reserved for those truly outstanding MCPOs. RCMC vacancies for AY2008 are: D1, D7, D8, D8 Detach St. Louis and CG PACAREA. Hurry! Applications are due to CGPC-rpm-2 on Jan. 15, 2008. For details, see COMCOGARD PERSCOM R 171652Z OCT 07 and/or contact YNCS Succi, 4200 Wilson Blvd., Suite 100, Arlington, VA 22203; 202-493-1710; Albert.J.Succi@uscg.mil.

• **RET-2 NOW ELIGIBLE FOR CGMA** — Coast Guard Reserve Retirees Awaiting Pay (RET-2) are now eligible for Coast Guard Mutual Assistance. For more info, call 1-800-881-2462, or visit: www.cgmaHQ.org

• **BOOKS FOR COAST GUARD PACIFIC CUTTERS** — Coast Guard Auxiliary FSO-SR Inland Empire Flotilla (11SR-11-11) is collecting books for the crews of the Coast Guard cutters on the Pacific Coast. As they gather more books, they will give books to any unit or department in the Coast Guard. These books are on a variety of subjects, and most are used paperbacks. For more info, contact YNC Doris P. Telles, USCGR, P.O. Box 452, Mountain Center, CA 92561-0450, 951-659-8183, tellesdoris@yahoo.com

• **BACK ISSUES ARCHIVE** — Want to read about what was going on in your Coast Guard Reserve in the mid-1950s? Now you can! An archiving project is currently underway to place all issues on line. Two issues per workday are being added to the ever-expanding archive (pdf format) and the project is currently up to the 1960s. The magazine began in November 1953 as a four-page newsletter. Check it out at: www.uscg.mil/reservist.



Upcoming Events

FEBRUARY 2008

• **ROA MID-WINTER CONFERENCE** — Feb. 10-13, Hilton Hotel and Towers, Washington, D.C. For info, contact ROA, One Constitution Ave., N.E., Washington, DC 20002, 202-479-2200, Web: www.roa.org.

• **ROA COAST GUARD RECEPTION** — The ROA Department of D.C. CG Chapter 4 invites all USCG officers and ROA members to this annual event, Monday, Feb. 11, 2008, 5 p.m. at ROA Headquarters, One Constitution Ave., N.E., Washington, D.C. Attire is Coast Guard Service Dress Blue (Bravo) or business suit (coat & tie). Cost: O3 and below, \$20; O4 and above, \$30; O3 and below couples, \$35; O4 and above couples, \$45. For more info, contact CDR Steve Weagraff, USCGR, 13703 Northbourne Drive, Centreville, VA 20120; 703-608-8894; E-mail: steveweagraff@yahoo.com. Checks should be made payable to: ROA DC Chapter 4.



• **2008 RESERVE COMPONENT JOINT OFFICER PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT SEMINAR** — The 2008 Reserve Component JOPDS is being held in conjunction with the Mid-Winter ROA Conference, Washington Hilton Hotel, Washington, D.C. Feb. 10-13. This seminar provides a unique joint services professional development experience for today's serving reservists in grades O1-O4. For more info, contact Col. Carl "Tom" Obenland, USAF(Ret.), obenland@earthlink.net, 360-895-2720 (Pacific Time); www.roa.org.

• **COAST GUARD RESERVE BIRTHDAY** — It's number 67 for the CGR on Tuesday, Feb. 19, 2008. Web: www.uscg.mil/reserve.

MARCH 2008

• **U.S. COAST GUARD PIPE BAND** — Is slated to march in New York City's St. Patrick's Day Parade, Monday, March 17. For more info, see www.uscgpipeband.org.

APRIL 2008

• **COAST GUARD MUTUAL ASSISTANCE ANNUAL CAMPAIGN** — The 2008 campaign is set for the month of April. Reservists

will be contacted during the campaign. However, contributions may be made at any time. For info, call 1-800-881-2462; Web: www.cgmahq.org.



• **CWOA ANNUAL MEETING** — April 16-19, 2008, at Sheraton South Portland Hotel in South Portland, Maine. For more info, contact Ed Swift, Executive Director, CWOA, 200 V Street SW, Washington, DC 20024; 202-554-7753, cwoauscg@verizon.net.

• **LANT AREA & D5 RESERVE ALL HANDS** — Saturday, April 12, 2008, 0730-1600, Portsmouth Federal Building, 431 Crawford Street, Portsmouth, VA 23704. All enlisted and officers of LANTAREA / D5 units are welcome to attend. Uniform of the day is Trops or ODUs. Contact CPO McCormack, 757-398-6237, Marianne.McCormack@uscg.mil.

JULY 2008

• **U.S. COAST GUARD FESTIVAL** — Friday, July 25 – Sunday, Aug. 3 in Grand Haven, Mich., Coast Guard City USA! Parade and fireworks on Saturday, Aug. 2. For info, contact: Grand Haven Coast Guard Festival, 113 N. Second Street, Grand Haven, MI 49417; 1-888-207-2434; E-mail: support@coastguardfest.org Web: www.coastguardfest.org

DECEMBER 2008

• **CGC WHITE ALDER MEMORIAL SERVICE** — Sunday, Dec. 7, 2008, will mark the 40th anniversary of the CGC WHITE ALDER tragedy (it collided with the Formosan freighter Helena and 17 of the 21 crew were lost in the Mississippi). MSU Baton Rouge, La. would like to host a memorial service and needs to locate all families of the 21 crew aboard CGC WHITE ALDER. If you have any info, please contact MST3 Robert F. Feus, Jr. 225-298-5400, ext 227, Robert.F.Feus@uscg.mil or MSTC Matthew Valenti, 225-298-5400, ext. 235, Matthew.J.Valenti@uscg.mil, or write Commanding Officer, MSU Baton Rouge, 6041 Crestmount Dr., Baton Rouge, LA 70809.

Reunions / Retirements

JANUARY 2008

• **RETIREMENT CEREMONY** — For MSTCM Billy J. Williams and BMCM John J. Cannon: Saturday, Feb. 9, 2008, 1 p.m., at Chattanooga Riverboat Co., 201 Riverfront Pkwy., Pier 2, Chattanooga, Tenn. If interested in attending, contact YNC Mary Ezell, YNCEzell@aol.com, 423-775-9068 by Jan. 31, 2008. For planning purposes, please indicate the number of people attending in your party when you RSVP.

AUGUST 2008

• **REUNION – POINT ALLERTON STATION, HULL, Mass.** — Saturday Aug. 2, 2008, 10 a.m. Contact: CWO4 Robert A. Buotte, 1854 Sun Gazer Dr., Viera, FL 32955, cwo4bob@aol.com, 321-632-4639 or Elmer J. Borsos, 103 County Road 12, Adena, OH 43901, eborsos@aol.com, 740-546-3850.

Advancements

*Reserve Enlisted Advancements
effective Oct. 1, 2007 from Enlisted
Reserve Advancement Announcement
(ERAA) No. 10-07, ALCGRSV 036/07
(R 181806Z SEP 07):*

Boatswain's Mate (BM)

BM1 K R NOLL

Food Service Specialist (FS)

FS2 J F BUSH

Gunner's Mate (GM)

GM2 W S HARVEY

Health Services Technician (HS)

HSCM J E PHILLIPS

Investigator (IV)

IV2 J J KEELEY

IV2 E D HOTHAN

Machinery Technician (MK)

MKC K J PANKOW

MKC E F CABEDO

MK2 M B MCNAMEE

MK2 K D BUDDE

MK2 J A ESLAVA

Marine Science Technician (MST)

MSTC W D CARSON

MST1 W D SPOON

Port Security Specialist (PS)

PSC H O GJESDAL

PSC M W MIRSCH

Yeoman (YN)

YNCS J L OKELLY

YNC T L GOODMAN

*Reserve Enlisted Advancements
effective Nov. 1, 2007 from Enlisted
Reserve Advancement Announcement
(ERAA) No. 11-07, ALCGRSV 049/07
(R 241148Z OCT 07):*

Boatswain's Mate (BM)

BMCM D A ZOLL

BMCM T S PRICE

BMCS S C HOGAN

BMCS R G LOCKEY

BMCS R C ASHBY

BMC D D LEE

BMC M P COLLINS

BMC D J EMERY

BMC J E BROWN

BMC C L HURT

BMC E J RUOT

BM1 E C KENNEL

BM2 W C SEE

BM2 J C SMITH

BM2 I R DUNDAS

BM2 R M PEFLEY

BM2 T D HAMMONDS

BM2 T L ROLAND

BM2 B E STILES

BM2 J G WILDES

BM2 D L MACDONALD

BM2 U E KAVANAUGH

BM2 J E LASHELLE

BM2 J J ROMANITCH

BM2 D G ALFORD

BM2 C J BENTLEY

BM2 J J BROWN

BM2 D W CRENSHAW

Electrician's Mate (EM)

EMC D T POWELL

Food Service Specialist (FS)

FS2 J A ULRICH

Gunner's Mate (GM)

GM1 J G FLEMING

GM1 C J AUXIER

Machinery Technician (MK)

MKCM R C CHILD

MK1 P B SHORT

MK2 S K FRANKLIN

MK2 E W AXMACHER

MK2 J M VERDUIN

MK2 R L WISER

MK2 B K BURKE

MK2 E S MCKNIGHT

MK2 J S FLAHERTY

MK2 T A SCHNEIDER

MK3 J D CARRAWAY

Marine Science Technician (MST)

MSTC J R FRIEL

MSTC S D JACOBSON

MSTC M R RYAN

MST1 M B CAROTHERS

MST2 T L TEAL

MST2 J J DALL

MST2 S R DEMAREST

Operations Specialist (OS)

OS2 R H WOLFE

Port Security Specialist (PS)

PSC P A PINEIRO

Storekeeper (SK)

SKC C L WARTENBEE

SK1 S T SCHMITT

SK3 D M DIMITRI

SK3 R F HELLSTROM

Yeoman (YN)

YNC G A SMITH

YNC R P MAHER

YNC T J MCCARTHY

*Reserve Enlisted Advancements
effective Dec. 1, 2007 from Enlisted
Reserve Advancement Announcement
(ERAA) No. 12-07, ALCGRSV 054/07
(R 191800Z NOV 07):*

Boatswain's Mate (BM)

BMCM J E HEBERT

BMC B D BIRD

BMC C P FOX

BM1 D C CHASE

BM2 R G MCLOUGHLIN

BM2 G CHASE

Damage Controlman (DC)

DC2 R K SWARTZ

Machinery Technician (MK)

MKC C M LOUTHAN

MK1 J L COLLINS

MK1 A M WATLAND

MK2 C G NIEVES

MK2 J L PACHIS

MK2 G D PERRIGO

Marine Science Technician (MST)

MSTCM R J PASQUA

MSTCS F E GREENE

MSTCS R M CURRIE

MSTCS G P LEWIS

MSTC P M GANLEY

MSTC J E KAPSIMALIS

MST1 J C ELKS

MST1 W R PREBBLE

Operations Specialist (OS)

OS2 J N STOKES

Port Security Specialist (PS)

PSC T M GARRY

Storekeeper (SK)

SKC T L HASS

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CDR JOHN W. CRAWFORD
CDR DAVID S. SMITH
LCDR JAMES D. DONOGHUE
LCDR CHARLES F. GULLAGE
LCDR GEORGE M. KELLEY
LCDR MELISSA M. SHEPPARD
LT DONALD M. JOHNSON JR.
LT LOUIS R. LAGRANDE
CWO4 STEPHEN R. GREGOIRE
CWO4 GEORGE R. MURPHY
CWO4 WALTER F. ROZIER
BMC WILLIAM V. FULFORD JR.
HSCM CHARLES A. BLACK JR.
MKCM DENIS E. CRAWFORD
SKCS HAROLD LAETSCH
DCC MICHAEL A. MEROS
MSTC STANLEY K. HOLLAND
MKC DANE W. JOHNSON
OSC DAYNE M. VENTURA
PAC THOMAS A. STAATS JR.
PSC HOWELL HINSON JR.
SKC MICHAEL E. PALLON
YNC NANCY M. SOMMER
YNC NOVELLA B. WEATHERLY
BM1 GREGGORY N. COLLINS
ET1 BERNARD L. RICE, JR.
FS1 RONALD B. FINLAYSON
GM1 RAND I. BARTLETT
MK1 LARRY A. PERRY
MK1 GEORGE E. STEVENS
MST1 DOUGLAS A. KRUGER
OS1 LARRY D. CARPENTER
YN1 MARILYN R. PIELLUSCH
PS1 JERRY W. ANDERSON
PS1 LOUIS F. REYES
PS1 GARRIES O. TERRELL
SK1 JOHN B. TERRILL
YN1 JANIS F. WILLIAMS
FS2 KENNETH B. HERESKO
MK2 WILLIAM R. HOPKINS
MST2 ROBERT A. THOMAS JR.

PS2 COLIN M. OISHI
QM2 JAMES K. STONE

SEPTEMBER 2007

RADM DUNCAN C. SMITH, III
CDR EDWARD A. ALTEMOS
CDR RICHARD C. BROWN
CDR JOSEPH W. COSGROVE, JR.
LCDR KENNETH R. ALMBERG
LT MARK E. ANDERSON
LT JAMES N. LYNCH
LT RONALD N. NEUDECKER
LT HENRY G. WELCH
CWO4 MICHAEL R. RILEY
MKCM PETER M. HUTTON
MKCM TIMOTHY J. QUALTER
YNCM MICHAEL W. PLACENCIA
IVCS CHARLES W. DAVIS
BMC CHARLES R. BULLA
BMC RONALD C. SIMMONDS
MKC JOHN T. BALDWIN, JR.
PSC THOMAS A. DORRY
ET1 MICHAEL T. SWANSON
PS1 GREGORY D. ROBERTS
YN1 DANIEL J. HAGEN
YN1 NORMAN F. SOOY
BM2 WILLIAM E. SEYMER
FS2 STERLING E. JOHNSON
MS2 STEVEN E. LUNSFORD
GM3 ANTONIO FALU

CWO3 WILLIAM J. MILLER
CWO2 RONALD D. PERISHO
CWO2 RICHARD L. SPANN
MSTCM LYNN A. COLLINS
OSCM CRAIG R. COLBY
MKCS KRAIG R. FLETCHER
BMC DENNIS L. BEST
BMC ROBERT W. COX
BMC WILLIAM E. HILL
BMC PAUL E. JOHNSON
BMC WALTER M. NEWELL JR.
FSC DAVID J. MIDDLETON
MKC GERALD E. BARRETT
PSC JOSEPH B. CARLTON
PSC LEE L. WOOD
SKC WILLIAM E. PAVONE
YNC GARY J. BEUTLER
DC1 STACH SZUPLAT
MK1 KEVIN F. GILE
MK1 GREGORY M. GREEN
MK1 JOHN A. LAMB
SK1 JOHN JARIUS
SK1 MICHAEL T. MACNEIL
BM2 THOMAS C. FARMER
BM2 RONALD L. HINRICHS
EM2 JAMES J. ROWAN

RET-2 (Retired Without Pay)

AUGUST 2007

CDR JAMES M. GODSEY
CDR REGINALD W. NEEDHAM
CDR PAUL M. SLYMAN
CWO4 DALE R. HOORNSTRA
CWO4 WILLIAM D. ZERILLO
MKCM TIMOTHY A. CHIPMAN
ETCS CHARLES S. VONHOUT JR.
YNCS KATHLEEN A. OPEZIO
AET1 DAVID M. CRAMPTON
BM1 ZENON AYALA
MK1 GLENN W. ANDERSON
ITC WERNER H. BARZ
MKC CHRISTOPHER J. ALANIZ
PSC MICHAEL A. BARTH

OCTOBER 2007

CAPT SIDNEY J. DUCK
CAPT BRUCE E. GRIFFITHS
CAPT MICHAEL E. STANGO
CDR VINCENT J. LOMBARDI
CDR JAMES R. MARION
CDR GREGORY W. PATRICK
CDR TINO R. SERRANO
LCDR EDWARD J. RECKA
LCDR JAMES A. ROBBINS
LCDR WILLIAM VANVALKENBURG
LT TOMMY L. GARRETT
CWO4 CHARLES R. CHASE
CWO4 JOHN E. COLBATH



MCPO Bonnie L. Bernard, D5's Reserve Command Master Chief, left, celebrates at her retirement ceremony along with daughter, Cassandra, center, and husband, CAPT Thomas E. Bernard, USCG(Ret.). The ceremony, held at TRACEN Yorktown Oct. 20, honored MCPO Bernard for her 32-year Reserve career. Cassandra is holding a Certificate of Appreciation presented to her and signed by the Commandant.



BMC James H. "Jim" Jones was honored May 12 in Pittsburgh, Pa. after a Coast Guard career that dates back to April 1, 1966. He joined the CGR in 1981 and served his farewell tour at MSU Port Arthur, Texas. Jones served in Vietnam while on active duty aboard CGC BARATARIA.

Photo by PA2 John D. Miller, USCGR

Photo courtesy LTJG Niya Williams, MSU Port Arthur, Texas

ET1	LESLIE COSME
MK1	PRICE FLANNERY III
PS1	JORGE L. RODRIGUEZ
SK1	DENNIS A. GRIFFIE
YN1	ROCKY W. KULSRUD
YN1	TIMOTHY H. PUDE
MK2	JAMES A. MERRIFIELD

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CWO4	NORMAN C. CHAPMAN
DCCM	KORY V. GABRIELSEN
BMC	RICHARD L. HOLMES
PSC	MICHAEL B. BERLINZKI
MST1	DARYL K. BUTLER
YN1	KEVIN P. FITZPATRICK
YN1	SEAN P. OSHAUGHNESSY

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CAPT	DAVID K. ALMOND
CAPT	DAVID G. SELLA
CDR	CHRISTOPHER M. RODRIGUEZ
CDR	JAMES H. WEAKLEY
LCDR	CATHERINE A. PRINCE
CWO4	VERNON P. JOHNSTON
CWO4	EDWARD D. SALVA
LT	ANTHONY G. LASHLEY
BMC	WILLIAM C. RITCHIE JR.
BMC	DANIEL P. SCHAFER
IVC	WAYNE L. CHAMBERLAIN
MKC	ROBERT G. COONER
MKC	WILLIAM H. NOBLE
MKC	MICHAEL D. SEEL
MSTC	WILLIAM R. BROWN
PSC	CLINTON J. POSTLETHWAITE
PSC	MICHAEL E. REYNOLDS
PSC	THOMAS J. SHEA JR.
ET1	JAMES J. LOBIANCO
FS1	JAMES E. HUNGER
GM1	CHRISTOPHER P. MORENCY
IV1	BEVERLY A. VOGEL
YN1	JAMES WILCOX
DC2	DARRELL B. CHADWICK

Source: Ms. Linda Frank, Personnel Service Center (RAS)



Photo by PA1 Jackie Zetles, USCGR

CAPT David Sella and his wife, Suzanne, pause in front of the Old Coast Guard Station following Sella's retirement ceremony in Virginia Beach, Va. Sept. 15. Sella retired after 29 years service to the Coast Guard and Coast Guard Reserve. In his civilian life, he is the Deputy Chief Information Officer at the Veteran's Affairs Medical Center in Durham, N.C.



Photo courtesy LT Barry Roffman, USCGR(Ret.)

LT Barry Roffman, right, is presented with a Meritorious Service Medal by CAPT Curt Walther, USN, at Roffman's retirement ceremony May 22, 2007. Roffman, who also served 10 years in the Naval Reserve before joining the CGR in 1983, taught science in Florida for 30 years before retiring in 2003.



Photo by YN1 Daniel Clark, SFO Grand Haven

DCCM Phillip A. Jones, left, is presented with the Certificate of Retirement plaque by LCDR Lowe, CO of SFO Grand Haven, at Jones' retirement ceremony at the American Legion in Grand Haven, Mich. June 1. Jones served nearly 28 years in the Coast Guard — 19.5 years in the CGR.



Photo courtesy CDR Larry Jones.

CDR Larry Jones, center, was formally honored at a retirement ceremony at the American Legion Club in Norfolk, Neb. April 14. Jones retired after 20 years active duty and 21 years in the Reserve. At the time of his retirement, he had the oldest pay base date of any officer currently serving on active duty — June 7, 1966. Jones graduated from the first ROCI course in 1983 and also served with PSU 301 during OPERATION DESERT STORM in Saudi Arabia. Looking on are CAPT Vince Weber, left, and CAPT James Montgomery.

• **CAPT Matthew G. Raulf, USCGR(Ref.),** Oct. 26, 2007, in Phillipsburg, N.J. He is survived by his spouse, Joan Raulf. Interment Alpha, N.J.

• **CDR Joseph Miralles, USCGR(Ref.),** Sept. 20, 2007, in Dunwoody, Ga. He is survived by his spouse, Toni Miralles; a son, Peter. Interment Atlanta, Ga.

• **CDR Gerald M. Schwartz, USCGR(Ref.),** Nov. 10, 2007, in Long Island, N.Y. He is survived by Joan Schwartz, his spouse. Interment Farmingdale, N.Y.

• **LCDR William E. Rapp, USCGR(Ref.),** Nov. 12, 2007, in Sandusky, Ohio. He is survived by Jeff Melson, stepson.

• **LCDR Eva A. Schmidt, USCGR(Ref.),** 88, Nov. 1, 2007, in Minot, N.D. After growing up in White Earth, N.D. and Minneapolis, Minn., she went to enlist in the Navy in July 1943 but was "intercepted" by a woman who encouraged her to join the Coast Guard Women's Reserve (SPARs). She served until the end of World War II. When the SPAR program started up again in the 1950s, she was the first woman since World War II to enlist in the 13th Coast Guard District. She served in the Coast Guard Reserve until Aug. 1, 1979. Schmidt graduated from the University of Washington in Seattle in 1954 with a Bachelor of Arts degree, majoring in Norwegian, and taught fourth grade in



Phoenix, Ariz. from 1957-68. She then returned to White Earth, N. D. In 1980, she was a candidate for the North Dakota House of Representatives from District 2. A lifelong accordion player, she also loved cats and had many living at her farm. In 1980, Eva wrote, "I am enjoying an active retirement on a farm in North Dakota, a few miles from where I was born and raised and where I hope to live until called to final duty." She is survived by her sister, Helen Monson; nieces and nephews. Funeral

services were held Nov. 7, 2007 at First Lutheran Church, White Earth, N.D. Interment Kristiansand Cemetery, White Earth, N.D.

• **LT Barbara Jean Edwards Carney Eberth, USCGR,** 55, of Rockledge, Fla., passed away suddenly while traveling in Michigan July 23, 2006. LT Edwards served a variety of assignments in the USCGR between May 15, 1981 and June 11, 1993. A graduate of State University of New York Plattsburgh, she had retired from teaching in Florida, was a member of the American Legion J.W. Mathers Jr. Post 163, the Brevard County 10-13 Club, Military Officers Association Cape Canaveral Chapter, Toast Masters International and served as a lieutenant in the U.S. Coast Guard Reserve. She was also a past realtor in Derry, N.H. MCPO-CGRF Jeff Smith remembers LT Edwards, whom he served with briefly in early 1990s, "... as one of the most dedicated, professional Coast Guard officers I had the

privilege of serving with," said Smith. "I had recently advanced to Chief and was assigned as XPO of Reserve Unit Woods Hole. After 14 years of running boats at a SAR unit, my knowledge of administrative processes was very limited. LT Edwards played a key role in my ability to successfully navigate the transition from being an operator to a manager. For that and her



friendship I am forever grateful." LT Edwards was preceded in death by her second spouse, CWO Robert Carney, and is survived by her spouse, Dallas Eberth; mother and father in Arkansas; two daughters; three brothers and one sister; two step-daughters and two step-sons; 10 grandchildren.

• **CWO4 Arnold C. Basnight Jr., USCGR(Ref.),** Nov. 3, 2007, in Elizabeth City, N.C. He is survived by his spouse, Barbara Basnight; son Mark. Interment Elizabeth City, N.C.

• **CWO4 Raymond B. Cox, USCGR(Ref.),** Sept. 8, 2007, in Louisville, Texas. He is survived by his daughter, Tina M. Boyd.

• **OSCS Jack Malchoff Jr., USCGR(Ref.),** Nov. 16, 2007, in San Antonio, Texas. He is survived by his wife, Maria Malchoff. Interment pending San Antonio, Texas.

• **PSCS Donald L. Kuster, USCGR(Ref.),** Oct. 5, 2007. His spouse, Laurretta Kuster, survives him.

• **BMC Fiora Metall, USCGR(Ref.),** Oct. 16, 2007. He is survived by his spouse, Mary Metall.

• **ENC Myron V. Midgett, USCG(Ref.),** Sept. 5, 2007, in Elizabeth City, N.C. He was one of the "Mighty Midgetts" of North Carolina's Outer Banks and had retired nearly 50 years ago on Dec. 1, 1959. He is survived by his spouse, Beulah Midgett. Interment Elizabeth City, N.C.

• **PSC Ralph O. Ellen II, USCGR(Ref.),** Aug. 26, 2007, in Wilmington, N.C. He is survived by his spouse, Betty Ellen.

• **YNC Curtis O. Bass, USCGR(Ref.),** Sept. 28, 2007, in Portsmouth, Va. He is survived by his spouse, Barbara Bass. Interment Portsmouth, Va.

• **MK1 Kenneth T. Benim, USCGR(Ref.),** Aug. 8, 2007, in Erie, Pa. He is survived by his spouse, Marian; a daughter, Rosemary Winschel. Interment North East, Pa.

Note: *The Reservist publishes "Taps" based on Personnel Casualty Reports and input received from the field. If you would like to see more information in future issues on a specific family member or shipmate, please e-mail the editor at: TheReservist@uscg.mil.*

Leadership, Part II: Get It Done!

The last time I wrote a column in Issue 2-06, I explained how I believe leadership is a verb. A verb is an action word, and when used in the context of leadership, requires you to act. Acting in the context of “leadership” means getting “it” done.

The Commandant has explained the need for transformation in the Coast Guard and has set us on course for the future. He is asking us to use leadership, regardless of rank or rating, to get “it” done. We need it from every level of our organization — our officers, chiefs, and petty officers. We need it during the day-to-day operations, the out of the ordinary challenges and the crises that will inevitably arise. So, I want to share with you a little more about leadership, how you can become a more effective leader, whether you are a captain, seaman or somewhere in between.

We are all in the military and our nation is at war. The Coast Guard is only as good as its people and we have great people in the Coast Guard. We owe our people and the citizens of the United States good leadership.

The men and women that make up the Coast Guard — they make “it” happen! What is “it”? It is doing what we do everyday, no matter what job, to make the Coast Guard the greatest Coast Guard in the world. As reservists, we are a national asset to our country.

Rear Admiral Seward published “A Shipmate’s Bill of Rights” in Issue 7-07’s “View From the Bridge.” Number eight had to do with “advancing in rank and rate only when ready, willing and able to assume greater leadership and responsibilities.” In addition, I believe it is our responsibility to train our replacement, regardless if you are a seaman or a rear admiral, or somewhere in between. The Commandant once said the only billet that isn’t a training billet is his. Those of us in a leadership position cannot be afraid to place our junior personnel in a role of leadership. This is how we encourage personal growth and help build the leaders of tomorrow, those that will become our replacements.

With leadership comes responsibility — it cannot be avoided. And with this new responsibility comes authority. Most leaders seem to like the authority part. But with responsibility and authority comes accountability. Accountability is not what you intended to do, but what you

actually did. Bottom line: If you are in a leadership role, regardless of rank, even for the smallest project, for the shortest amount of time, you are accountable for your actions.

In every unit, there is the commanding officer (CO) or officer in charge (OIC). They set the course for day-to-day operations of the unit. The overall direction the unit follows depends upon the direction the CO/OIC decides to take. This direction is based upon strategic planning the Commandant and other flag officers have set forth. These are our leaders.

However, in every crew, there is someone who is the “informal leader.” Every unit has one.

This is the person that the rest of the crew looks to for direction and ‘informal leadership.’ I would suggest that among the many reservists assigned to various units across the Coast Guard, there are some informal leaders. These are usually the people that should be encouraged to advance. They are the ones that most likely meet Rear Admiral Seward’s “Shipmate’s Bill of Rights” number eight. They are ready, willing and able to assume greater leadership and responsibilities; they just need to be recognized and given the opportunity to excel. Some times this may take a little prodding to get the individual off the fence, but the opportunities are there. If you are a BM3 or MK3, there are 384 and 245 vacancies for E5 respectively. But I caution our leadership that Rear Admiral Seward said: “If” you are ready, willing and able to assume greater leadership and mentoring responsibilities.” Only recommend those for advancement that are ready to assume those roles.

The Coast Guard delegates a lot of authority to its most junior personnel, much more so than the other services. The Navy’s Admiral Arleigh Burke, who served an unprecedented three terms as Chief of Naval Operations said “... delegation of authority requires more than what usually is meant by confidence. IT REQUIRES FAITH.” The Coast Guard’s course is being set and led by Admiral Allen. He has the faith in the leaders of tomorrow because this transformation will continue after he is gone. I believe the Commandant believes you will do your best to make this transformation work and you will do your best in any situation in which you may find yourself. So go forth as leaders and get “it” done.



By
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“The Commandant once said the only billet that isn’t a training billet is his. Those of us in a leadership position cannot be afraid to place our junior personnel in a role of leadership. This is how we encourage personal growth and help build the leaders of tomorrow, those that will become our replacements.”



The holiday season begins at Detroit's Campus Martius Park, home to Michigan's Soldiers and Sailors monument. This year's tree came to the city courtesy of a Coast Guard Reservist, CAPT Dan Croce and is the largest municipal Christmas tree in the city's history.

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